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BOARD OF TRADE.

BOARD OF TRADE ELECTION

MONDAY, JAN. 6, 1873.

Polls open from 10 a. m. to 3. p. m.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

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Election Notice.

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CHARLES HENROTIN, Cashier.

Election Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago Gas Light & Coke Company will be held at the office of the Company, on Monday, Jan. 13, between the hours of 11 and 4 p. m., for the election of Directors to serve the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1873.

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Chicago, Jan. 1, 1873.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fifth National Bank of Chicago, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of said bank, in Chicago, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1873, between the hours of 3 and 4 p. m.

ISAAC G. LOMBARD, Cashier.

Chicago, Dec. 16, 1872.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A dividend of two per cent has been declared on the capital stock of the Chamber of Commerce, payable at the office of the Secretary, Monday, Jan. 6, 1873, by order of Directors.

CHAS. L. RAYMOND, Sec.

N. B.—Parties holding half shares of stock will please present them at the office.

CHURCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, corner of Ohio and Rush-sts., will be held in the office of Henry W. King & Co., corner Monroe and Market-sts.

CHARLES M. ROWE, Secretary.

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LOUISIANA.

Numerous Meetings of the Anti-Pinchbackers on Saturday Night.

They Determine to See the Legally Elected Officers Inaugurated To-Day.

The Federal Troops in Readiness to Preserve the Peace of New Orleans.

Attorney General Williams Says an Inauguration To-day Is Illegal.

McEnery's Appeal to the Citizens of New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—The mass meeting at Exposition Hall, Jan. 2; the meeting of merchants at the upper City Hotel, Jackson street, last night; the meeting of the various Committees of the Democratic Reform and Liberal parties; and the Executive Committee of the Independent class, last night; the meeting, yesterday, of the Committee of Two Hundred at the Merchants' Exchange; and the meeting of the Committee of Ten from each ward in the city, appointed by Exposition Hall meeting, were all largely attended, and adopted resolutions expressing a calm determination to see the legally-elected Legislature and State officers regularly inaugurated and installed, and calling upon the people to close their places of business on Monday and assemble in Lafayette Square to manifest a determination to yield a hearty and ready support to any and all means to accomplish the ends contemplated by the present movement. The Committees of the above-mentioned meetings conferred to-day, and it is understood a plan for concert of action has been agreed upon. It is probable most of the business houses will close to-morrow, and that the meeting at Lafayette Square will be large.

It is not generally believed that the Pinchback authorities will attempt to dispossess the Fusionists.

The following letter was received by Pinchback from General Emory on Saturday:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 4, 1873.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Louisiana:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to state in reply, that in accordance with my instructions, I shall hold the troops in readiness to preserve the peace in the city. I also enclose a copy of a telegram this day received from the General commanding the army of the United States, and Your Excellency cannot fail to perceive that the action I propose to take is in strict accordance with the instructions contained therein. I am, Governor, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. EMORY,
Colonel Commanding, Brevet Major General.

General Sherman's despatch to General Emory reads as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4, 1873.

You are authorized to use the troops under your command to preserve the peace, if in your judgment it becomes necessary.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.

Hon. G. H. Williams, Attorney General of the United States:

The members of the Legislature returned elected by the State Board recognized by Governor Warmouth, are compelled to meet to-morrow, under our Constitution, in order to preserve their status. Their assemblage will be peaceable, without arms, and with no purpose of aggression, but simply to organize. The organization presided over by Pinchback has threatened violent interference, from which serious results may arise. That organization derives its authority from the attitude of the Federal Executive, and will be controlled by the President. We trust he discountenances any interference with the assemblage, which has for its object the carrying out of the Constitution of the State, and is rendered necessary by the situation.

(Signed) H. H. ODDEN,
Attorney General of Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5—10 p. m.—The announcement has just been made at Fusion Headquarters, apparently by authority, that General Emory has received instructions from Washington that the United States troops shall only be used to preserve the peace, and that any body of citizens, styling themselves what they may, have the right to meet peaceably for any purpose not unlawful, and that if any attempt should be made to disperse such assemblage, they shall be protected. When this was announced to the crowd assembled in the St. Charles Hotel rotunda, several simultaneously ejaculated, "Whew! The President has gone back on Pinchback."

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—Midnight—To-morrow's papers will contain the following address:

FELLOW CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS: Relying on the patriotism you have exhibited, I conjure you to bear yourselves this day with prudence, dignity, firmness, and moderation. Assemble as peaceable citizens to witness the inauguration of the only true and legal Legislature of your State. It is your right and duty thus to lend the moral support of your presence. Let no riotous or noisy demonstrations weaken the effect produced by your unanimity. Be calm, as you are strong, in the midst of great political excitement, incident to an attempted overthrow of your liberties by an organized conspiracy. Show to the people of the United States of America dignity of bearing worthy of you and the great cause in which you are peaceably engaged, for the maintenance of your liberties and Constitutional rights. Be not alarmed, fellow-citizens. The Government of the United States will not exert its great power to put down and suppress peaceable assemblies of the people, but will rather protect them against violent assaults from any quarter. Let it never be said that any act of violence, on your part, was the primary cause of public disturbances. I repeat, fellow-citizens, be firm, but calm and dignified.

(Signed) JOHN MCENERY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Private advices received here from New Orleans are to the effect that many leading bankers, property-holders, and merchants have called upon Kellogg and urged him by their confidence in his ability and disposition to relieve the financial condition of Louisiana, and tender him their aid and influence in that direction. A syndicate composed of leading banks is being formed for the purpose of taking a new city consolidation loan which, if successful, will place the city of New Orleans on a cash basis at once.

A private despatch from New Orleans states that all business will be suspended to-morrow, and that the Conservative or Fusion Legislature will assemble.

MISSISSIPPI.

A Domestic Tragedy—Murder and Robbery.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 5.—At Hernando, Miss., on Saturday night, a colored man, John Horton, stabbed and killed a colored man, his brother-in-law, Moses Wiglin. Horton was trying to get money from his wife and was beating her, when Wiglin interfered to preserve peace, and was fatally stabbed. The murderer escaped.

On Thursday night, the 2d inst., Simpson F. Caldwell, a laborer, murdered his employer, R. H. Johnson, near Cold Water, Miss., and robbed his wife of $1,100. On Saturday evening Caldwell was arrested and lodged in jail at Hernando. The money was found on his person. He confessed the murder and robbery. There is great excitement, and fears are entertained that he will be mobbed. A strong guard has been posted around the jail.

The Hibbler Murder Trial.

Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 5.—In the Hibbler murder trial, yesterday, Drs. Beck, Virgil, and Gregg were called with the object of proving the saneness of Mrs. Hibbler's mind at the time of her dying declaration. Dr. Meyr's testimony showed that she was suffering severely from *pyæmia*, or blood poison, so much so as to be unable to talk coherently. They testified that *pyæmia* could never have ensued after the gunshot wounds in less time than three or four days. The Court took under advisement the question of the admissability the declaration, and the State has rested its case. The evidence in defence will be introduced to-morrow.

WISCONSIN.

The Legislature About to Meet—Candidates for Offices—Questions to be Considered.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 5.—The Wisconsin Legislature meets for its twenty-fifth session since the organization of the State, on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The Governor is engaged in preparing his message, which will be somewhat lengthy, and embrace a comprehensive review of the affairs of the State, whose development in the past year has surpassed that of almost any former one, especially in the opening of new railroad thoroughfares in different directions and bringing within easy reach of market many sections of the State heretofore difficult of access, and, it is understood, will vigorously vindicate the rights of the State as against all trespassers, especially in the matter of injury to Superior harbor on Duluth account.

No members of the Legislature, or place-seekers in connection therewith, have yet arrived, railroad facilities being such that persons can now leave almost any part of the State on Monday and reach here that day or the next, thus saving a hotel bill over the Sabbath.

For chief legislative offices there does not seem likely to be a very sharp contest, except on Speaker of the Assembly. For the Speakership there bids fair to be more of a strife than for some years past. The most prominent candidate and the one with the most legislative experience, is Hon. Henry D. Barron, representing the northwestern part of the State, his district embracing six counties. He has been a member of the Assembly seven sessions, from 1862 to 1868 inclusive (except 1864), and again last winter, having been Fifth Auditor of the Treasury in the meantime, and was Speaker in 1866. He is a man of ability and positive character, and has always strenuously advocated measures in the interest of the people of his expanded district, having been the author of a variety of laws bearing on the St. Croix & Superior Railroad, which has not yet been built. Having been so long in public life, he is not without his enemies and personal rivals,—representatives of interests opposed to those of which he has been the special champion,—and others, for various reasons, will make the most of his assailable points to defeat his election. It is alleged that he will be opposed by nearly all the Republican members from the Northwestern part of the State. From the same section is Hon. W. Pitt Bartlett, of Eau Claire, a good lawyer, a gentleman of high character and possessing many of those peculiar qualities which fit a man to preside over a legislative body, and who was an efficient member so long ago as 1860. From the centre of the State is presented the name of Hon. O. S. Kelsey, of Marquette County, who was a member of the State Senate from 1861 to 1864, and of the Assembly in 1867, who is so much esteemed at home that he was elected last fall from a strongly Democratic county; a man of eminent candor and fairness, and in all respects well qualified for Speaker. From Northeast Wisconsin, Hon. J. S. Curtis, of Green Bay, is warmly urged for the position by many friends. He has had two years' experience in the Assembly, in 1869 and 1871, when he was among the most efficient members, not occupying a great deal of time in speeches, but when he had occasion to advocate or oppose a measure, or take part in a debate, presenting his views with great clearness and force. He is accredited with large influence in having worked down the large Democratic majority in Brown County, from which he was elected, till last fall it gave a Republican majority. His modesty is only equalled by his merit, and, as an illustration of that and his patriotism, it may be mentioned that, though a commission was offered him, he preferred to shoulder his knapsack, and marched three years as a private in Union army, finally, we believe, accepting a commission after re-enlistment. Quick of perception, sound in judgment, and prompt in action, of marked ability and genial nature, he would make an excellent presiding officer. Mr. H. A. Patterson, of Janesville, an able lawyer and most excellent man, who without any legislative experience, will receive warm support from the southeastern counties, including Rock and Walworth, with their large Republican majorities. Other names have been mentioned, but these are all who are now candidates. Hon. E. W. Young, of Sauk, will doubtless be re-elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly, which position he has filled most acceptably for several years past, but there will probably be a change of Assistant, as the gentleman who has admirably filled that place for several years joined the Liberals. There is no opposition to the re-election of J. H. Waggoner, of the Richland *Republican*, Chief Clerk of the Senate, for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly. There is a unanimous impression in favor of the election of Colonel O. C. Bissell, of Fond du Lac, a faithful soldier and officer, who has been Assistant for two or three winters. For Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, John Hicks, one of the editors of the Oshkosh *Northwestern*, which is the foremost Republican paper of Northeastern Wisconsin, seems to be ahead. The other candidates are W. D. Hoard, of the Jefferson County *Union*, a man of ability and worth, but, as Sergeant last winter, more of a success in entertaining Senators as a repeater of rich jokes than in keeping things in ship-shape about the Senate chamber, and Albert Emmonson, a capable Norwegian of Columbia County.

The members of the Legislature are largely new men, and about them your correspondent may have something to say hereafter.

The first business to be disposed of will be the election of United States Senator, and that will occupy little time, as there is a strong and unanimous feeling among Republicans in favor of the re-election of Senator Howe, who is receiving the highest encomiums from both Republican and Liberal newspapers. There will be a strong effort on one side to repeal the law of last winter making liquor sellers responsible for the consequences of their action, and on the other to make it more stringent the result of which likely will be that little change will be made. An attempt will be made, and strenuously resisted, to release the Wisconsin Railroad Company from its obligation to build from Portage to Ripon, for which it had made arrangements with the Sheboygan & Mississippi Company, which it seeks to repudiate. The disposition of $10,000,000 worth of land which it is held, under recent decisions of United States Courts, still remains under control of the State for building a railroad from the St. Croix to Lake Superior, will doubtless excite quite a contest, and an effort will be made to have a portion of it diverted to construct a road northward from the Chippewa Valley. An attempt will be made which, however, is too manifestly unjust to succeed, to repeal the exemption of the West Wisconsin Railroad lands from taxation; also to compel the Company to relay the track north of Tomah, which was removed to the Camp Douglas route to straighten the main line. There may be an attempt to regulate railroad passenger and freight tariff. Aside from the above subjects, few of much importance are likely to arise, and with special legislation cut off and general laws to accomplish its objects framed last winter, there seems no reason why we should not have a short session.

Fires.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 5.—The large and handsome frame residence of the Hon. Polk Shannon, on Eighth and Ohio streets, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning; also, the out-buildings, and those of his neighbors. Mr. Shannon had a very valuable horse burned in his stable. The residence was insured for $7,000.

The brick residence of Chris. Reychert, Seventh street, was nearly destroyed by fire this evening; partly insured.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 5.—It is reported by parties, who came by land from Carrisville, that of the sunken steamer H. C. Gray, all that remained above water had been destroyed by fire.

The Horse Disease.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Since the wet weather of a week ago, many horses afflicted with the epizootic suffered a relapse, and the fatal cases have numbered about 30 per day.

WASHINGTON.

No Chance for the Passage of a Postal Telegraph Bill this Session.

What Will Congress Do About the Secret Investigation of Credit Mobilier?

Neither Fish Nor Williams to Retire from the Cabinet.

Additional Gossip About the Treasury Portfolio.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—It is announced that to-morrow several resolutions will be offered in the House, ordering the Credit Mobilier Committee to hereafter sit with open doors. General Butler has a resolution already prepared to this effect. The general impression among such members as have arrived seems to be that the resolution will be passed without difficulty. The only question seems to be whether, as a matter of courtesy, the matter should not be left entirely to the Committee conducting the investigation.

RELIEF OF SPINNER.

The Ways and Means Committee have agreed to report favorably the bill to relieve United States Treasurer Spinner, for the payment of the amounts lost by the Government through the several defalcations in his office, including those of Seth Johnson and Worden, which were discovered more than a year ago.

A FINANCIAL STORY.

Secretary Boutwell denies that he has received a request from a combination of Eastern bankers, asking him to deposit coin in the National Banks, and thus liberate an equal number of greenbacks now held as a reserve. He says that, while there is no law to prevent the bankers from petitioning him to this effect, he does not see how, if he even felt so disposed, he could act on any such suggestion without special authorization by Congress.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY.

The friends of the Postal Telegraph bill are prepared for a vigorous campaign on behalf of that scheme for the remainder of the session, but these gentlemen cannot agree among themselves as to just exactly what measure they want. The Hubbard bill has many opponents among those who favor a Postal Telegraph system, while the supporters of the former measure are determined not to indorse any scheme which will antagonize with their own. Well informed members of both Houses express the opinion that no bill of any kind of this character stands the slightest chance of passage.

THE CABINET.

As the question of the changes anticipated in the Cabinet still continue to be the topic of so much discussion, it is proper to say, on behalf of the President, that thus far no steps whatever have been taken with regard to the Cabinet for the incoming term of General Grant. As between the Attorney General and the President, no conversation or intimation has occurred looking to Judge Williams' retirement. On the contrary, the President is known to favor the retention of that officer. Nothing has occurred in relation to Secretary Fish to induce the belief that he is to retire on the 4th of March, or at any stated time. The President and all the members of the Cabinet are believed to favor the continuance of Mr. Fish in his present high office, and that officer has not lately indicated any peremptory intention of resigning. No change is made in the entire Cabinet on the 4th of March, or a day or two thereafter, it is pretty certain that none is intended for the next four years.

The report that Secretary Belknap has incurred the displeasure of the President, is regarded by other members of the Cabinet as simply ridiculous.

The only change in the Cabinet that is regarded as certain is that of the Secretary of the Treasury. It is regarded as certain that Mr. Boutwell will be elected to the Senate from Massachusetts, and will thus vacate the Treasury Department. His successor has been much discussed. It is said that the President is afraid of Wall street and the great money interest of the country, and that Wall street is afraid of Boutwell and the present policy of the Government, and that General Grant is not, therefore, likely to appoint a Secretary on the recommendation of the money power. Secretary Richardson represents the policy, and his appointment to the succession would assure the public that the same policy is to be continued. The best informed friends of the President believe that Judge Richardson is sure of the appointment in case of a vacancy.

ARKANSAS.

The Government has no late advices from Arkansas, and are not, therefore, informed as to what the Administration adherents expect, in that State, in the next few days. The President and his Cabinet seem to feel less interest in the condition of affairs in Arkansas than in Louisiana.

A TIMELY ORDER.

The President has directed the Secretary of State to prepare immediately an Executive order in effect prohibiting persons holding United States commissions from occupying office under State authority.

WESTERN RIVERS.

Rise of Five Feet in the Ohio River—Damage by Ice to Boats and Barges—The Gorge at St. Louis.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Reports from the headwaters report the rivers rising gradually. The Monongahela at this point is falling slowly; 10 feet 8 inches at 6 o'clock. A large quantity of ice, still running in the rivers, prevents the coal barges from leaving. It is thought that the rivers will be in condition to-morrow, so that some barges can get out. The Belle Vernon is announced for Nashville, and the Anna and Exchange for Cincinnati.

Efforts will be made immediately to raise the Petrolia and save her machinery, which will be placed in a new boat. Her machinery is new and in good order.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5.—The river has risen 5 feet, and is full of heavy ice. There is no movement of boats except the Fayette to Henderson yesterday.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 5.—The gorge at Carrsville was solid yesterday morning. The river is stationary.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Arrived, the P. W. Strader and Mayflower, New Orleans; Continental, Cairo. Departed, Emilie La Barge.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—The river to-day is floating heavy shore ice. Several boats are advertised to leave to-morrow, but it is hardly probable navigation will resume so soon.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—The ice gorge below the bridge piers moved slowly down the river this evening, and lodged again at Arsenal Island, where the river is narrow. No damage is reported. It is probable that steamers at Carondelet will come up and attack the ice at Arsenal Island to-morrow, and break it up so it can run out and reopen navigation South.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 5.—There is not so much ice running to-day. Some heavy cakes are coming down, but the number is rapidly thinning out. The ice runs into the Kentucky shore below Rowhead, leaving half the river clear on the Indiana side, except a large ice field along the shore. The ferry boat this morning broke the ice around the steamers and up to the ferry dock at the foot of First street. It will break through a narrow strip of ice-belt into the channel in the morning, and resume its trips. It is estimated $5,000 will cover all the loss from the ice in this vicinity. A number of coal boats and barges were caught by the towboat Robin, after passing over the falls, and moored at the foot of Sand Island or at New Albany. They are generally in good condition, and marked as follows: Ashland, No. 94; J. C. Bicher, No. 102; J. C. Bicher, No. 111; Jo Walton, No. 71; Ashland, No. 55. One side was stove in of the pig-iron boat J. Caralton No. 2, of Veray, and the end stove in of the gravel flat 12 by 60 feet. The ferryboat Thos. Connor also caught a barge with her end slightly stove in, supposed to belong to N. J. Bigley, and landed it at New Albany. A coal boat loaded on the dam contains about 15,000 bushels of coal. Seven boats and barges are lodged in sight of the levee.

The river has fallen 3 inches, with 5 feet 3 inches on the canal, and 5 feet 8 inches in the canal, and 6 feet 9 inches on the chute. the towboat Robin went down to Middle Creek this evening to assist in getting back the ferryboat Frank McHarry. The tug D. J. May cut her way out of the shore belt of ice this evening and went to secure two barges lodged on the Indiana side. The Mary Hunston is advertised to leave for New Orleans to-morrow positively.

DUBUQUE.

County Assessment—An Important Decision.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 5.—The amount of assessment returned by the Township Assessors throughout the county aggregates $9,000,000. Adding to this the assessment within the city we have a grand total of $17,600,000 in Dubuque County,—something to boast of, perhaps, if not to feel good over.

The Supreme Court of the State, at its late session, in the case of Carter vs. the City of Dubuque, rendered a verdict for the city. This is esteemed a case which tested the liability of the City as indorser of the Central Island Bonds. Should the Federal Court affirm this decision, it will make a difference to the city of $200,000 in its favor. The main point in the defence in this suit was the constitutional limit. The point was urged and sustained, that when the city became indorser of these bonds, her debt exceeded the 5 per cent of the total valuation of her taxable property—the limit fixed by the State Constitution—and that her indorsement was null and void.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

At Washington.

Washington (Jan. 1) Despatch to the New York World.

The great event of the day was, of course, the reception at the White House. Vast preparations were made for the expected visitors. Lines strips were laid alawtwise across the halls to protect the carpets, and druggets covered the floors in all the reception-rooms and the East Room. Judging from appearances, one might say the entire police of Washington was drawn up in ranks on the portico. This looked very imposing, and was no doubt as useful as ornamental. A platform from the window of the East Room nearest the portico, across the area, with steps down to the sidewalk, provided egress for the crowd expected after the doors were thrown open.

The members of the Cabinet and foreign ministers and attaches, as first on the list of the expected guests, were the first to assemble, and before 11 a. m. the Red Room, always used as an anteroom, was quite full, and a merry chattering was heard by those without. At the appointed hour the President and Mrs. Grant descended the stairs from the upper story and were followed by Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. F. T. Dent, and other ladies who were to receive with them. As the President entered the parlor the Marine Band played "Hail to the Chief." The President and his wife took up their positions opposite the central door of the Blue Room, immediately in front of the central divan. The Cabinet officers now in the city, generally accompanied by ladies, first paid their respects. The Secretary of State was accompanied by Mrs. Fish and Miss Edith Fish; the Secretary of the Treasury by Mrs. and Miss Boutwell; the Secretary of War by his niece, Miss Lida Worthington. The Secretary of the Navy was deprived of the pleasure of Miss Robeson's company, owing to her indisposition, but presented a lady friend. The Attorney General and Mrs. Williams jointly paid their respects.

The Diplomatic Corps followed, and its members were severally presented by the Secretary of State. Blacque Bey, as Dean of the Corps, took precedence. He wore his uniform of dark blue cloth with gold embroidery, and many gold ornaments and orders on his breast; red pantaloons, and the fez—a red skull-cap—on his head. His wife and his brother-in-law, George Mott, accompanied him. General Mott, son of the late Dr. Mott, of New York, and brother of the first wife of Blacque Bey, is Commander-in-Chief of the armies of Egypt. He has also done such military service in behalf of the Turkish Government that he now wears orders commemorating the highest honors the Sultan has ever bestowed. General Mott wore full uniform and all his glittering insignia of rank. Sir Edward and Lady Thornton were accompanied by the Secretaries and attaches of the British Legation. All the gentlemen wore court dress, which was, as a matter of etiquette, worn generally by the Diplomatic Corps. As a rule this resembles an army uniform, highly ornamented with gold embroidery, but occasionally it is more like the dress we see on the stage at courts. Sir Edward Thornton wore several orders, among others that of a Knight Commander of Bath. The Austrian Minister, Baron Lederer, and his Secretary of Legation followed the British Legation, and others came in due order. The Peruvian Minister, Colonel Don Manuel Freyre; the Mexican Minister; Senor De Mariscal; the Italian Minister, Count Corti; Mr. Stenersen, of Norway and Sweden; Mr. Kurd Von Schloezer, of Prussia; Counsellor Antonio F. de Carvalho Borges, of Brazil; the Chevalier De Seuza Lobo, of Portugal, Madam Lobo accompanying him; Admiral Polo de Barnabe, of Spain; the Russian, French, and other diplomatic representatives followed, and the ladies as a rule accompanied their husbands.

But, having noticed the gorgeous array of the gentlemen, it is proper to speak next of the ladies' apparel. Mrs. Grant wore a pearl-ash colored silk, very delicate in tint and rich in texture, trimmed with silk of the "Paris in ashes" shade. Miss Grant wore a pale shade of sage; Mrs. Sharpe, blue silk. Mrs. Fish's dress was a rich silk of "London smoke." Miss Fish wore blue silk, two shades of pale green beautifully intermingled. Mme. Blacque wore a superb black silk and black velvet. Lady Thornton, royal purple silk, trimmed with velvet. Mme. De Lobo, *nee* Allien, of New York, was dressed in a ruffled brown silk underskirt, with ecru-colored overskirt, trimmed with brown. All the ladies, save those receiving with Mrs. Grant, wore bonnets or hats, and all, including the ladies receiving, wore high waists. Quite an acquisition to the Diplomatic Corps is the bride of the Minister from Ecuador, Mrs. Flores. Mme. Flores, *nee* Ruiz, is a beauty, and her fresh, girlish manner and grace in conversation even surpass her beauty. She was charmingly dressed in a suit of sage green, trimmed with velvet the same color. Mr. Flores wedded his bride one week ago, on Christmas Day. Mme. Potestad, of the Spanish Legation, of whose beauty so many have written and spoken before now, appeared in society for the first time in two or three years. She was elegantly dressed and looked very handsome.

After the Diplomatic Corps the Justice of the United States Supreme Court and Senators and Representatives in Congress were received. Some of these had ladies with them, and some had not. Mr. Chandler was accompanied by his wife, who wore a superb dress of golden bronze.

The General of the Army, General Sherman, presented the army representatives, and Admiral Porter the officers of the navy. Both army and navy were represented by ladies among the corps receiving, Miss Porter and Miss Barnes, daughter of the Surgeon General, assisting Miss Grant. The officers of the army wore their new uniform for the first time. It is gorgeous. Graceful shoulder-knots happily replace the epaulettes and aguillettes, or gold cord with pendants are festooned across the breast.

All the officials received, after having paid their respects at the White House. Mrs. and Miss Fish assisted the Secretary of State, Mrs. and Miss Boutwell the Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary of War had a cargo of ladies—his niece, Miss Worthington; Mrs. Macy; Mrs. Stevenson, of Ohio, and daughter; Mrs. John Delano; Mrs. John A. Logan, wife of Senator Logan; Mrs. D. C. Cox. Mrs. Kaufmann, of Washington, and Mrs. Clark, of Ohio, acted in the absence of Secretary and Mrs. Delano as representatives of the household. The Attorney General was assisted by his handsome and agreeable wife.

From the Washington Star, Jan. 2.

There seems to be a good deal of complaint at the manner with which representatives of the press were treated yesterday, at the White House, being compelled by policemen to occupy positions where they could see nothing, and scolds of the lady correspondents indignantly left the house. We don't believe that General Babcock was responsible for this incivility; doubtless it was the work of some officious understrappers.

At New York.

"Ill Partitus" in the New York Commercial Advertiser.

The influence of the editorials of the city press against the use of wine at New Year's entertainments to-day was perceptible everywhere. The change was noticed and remarked upon by almost every one, and many and earnest were the congratulations among our best citizens to see the treacherous wine-glass disappear. Wine has long been the stumbling block of youth, and the insidious snare of old age, and we may safely hope now that it will soon disappear from the social board.

When I called on Mr. Dodge, who has been foremost as a reformer—foremost in pushing this anti-wine movement—he was still very solicitous in regard to the success of the new reform. He asked, with deep earnestness, how the anti-wine movement was succeeding; and he was deeply gratified when I told him that a great deal less wine was being drank—that many, instead of wine were drinking unusually large quantities of

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

A MORMON OPINION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Rev. Orson Hyde, one of the most conspicuous lights in the Mormon Church, and holding high official relations with Brigham Young, writes the following to the *Evening Star* of this city, under date of

SPRING CITY, Dec. 18.—While considering the re-election of Mr. Grant, I asked myself the following question: "What shall be the fate of the Latter-Day Saints in Utah during his present and incoming administration? Pending the reflections connected with the foregoing question, some spirit came on me, and said, "In very deed, for this cause I have raised him up to show in him my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth." Sometimes the hearts of rulers are softened toward God's people for their good, and then again they are hardened for greater ultimate good toward them, and are the honor and glory of His Exalted Name. The numerous devastating fires that occur in these days throughout the land, with balls of fire sometimes seen to ply through the atmosphere, and storms that spread devastation on sea and land, together with wasting epidemic upon man and beast, ought to whisper in the ears of the rulers of this world as effectual a warning as were the plagues upon Egypt in the days of Pharaoh and his servants, that it is the year of the Lord's vengeance for the controversy of Zion, and that a consumption is determined upon all the earth, wherefore I do beseech them for their own sakes, as well as ours, to permit us to solve our own problem without oppressing us with extra or special legislation tending to bind us down under foreign and unfriendly taskmasters.

BOWEN VERSUS DELARGE.

It is at last promised that the House Committee on Elections will decide during the next fortnight the notorious contested case of Bowen *vs.* Delarge, the latter being the sitting member who has drawn his salary with faithful punctuality, amounting, including mileage and stationery, to about $12,000. There is little doubt now that Bowen will be given the seat, when his first service will be to draw his two years' salary. A large amount will also be required to pay the expenses of collecting the testimony.

POURWORTH OR DEBY.

Secretary Boutwell, in a recent conversation on the subject of the public debt, said he would not be greatly astonished if there were not further apparent increases of the indebtedness of Government hereafter. Mr. Boutwell, it is stated, still adheres to his opinion of last year, that it was unwise to reduce the taxes to such an extent as was done last winter, through the efforts, mainly, of Senator Sherman.

A CORD-WOOD CLAIM.

The claim of Mrs. Pitzhugh, of Virginia, for $375,000 against the Government for wood cut on her farm for the army, appears to be near a settlement. The justice of the claim is already established, and all that is lacking is satisfactory proof of the loyalty of the claimant. She is an invalid, and the members of the Southern Claims Commission went to her farm, yesterday, to take additional testimony. The case has been an interesting one from the beginning.

REVENUE MATTERS.

The number of Assistant Assessors as ascertained at the Internal Revenue Bureau is being rapidly cut down, and it is expected the reduction will require less time than at first supposed. Nearly three hundred were discharged during the month of December. The number yet in service is 1,110. Most of the reduction thus far has been in the Western States; but as soon as the fruit-distilling cases, which will be about the latter part of this month, a large reduction in the force will be made in the Southern States, where the fruit distillers are located. In one district alone in that section, there were 300 revenue officers employed. The entire force of Assessors and Assistants will be dispensed with by the first of July, under the new law.

ILL.

Secretary Fish has been confined to his house for several days by an attack of chills and fever.

THE FOREIGN PORTFOLIO.

It is stated that the President has not mentioned Hon. W. M. Evarts as Mr. Fish's successor as Secretary of State.

KU-KLUX PARDONS.

The President, once-day, pardoned David Rainshaw and Galbraith Hambright, both of South Carolina, serving out terms of imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary for Ku-Klux crimes. The former was sentenced for eight and the latter for two years.

POSTAL SERVICE.

Postal service has been ordered on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway from Stanwood to Tipton, Iowa, nine miles, commencing Jan. 16. Pay not fixed.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

THE MINT AT NEW ORLEANS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A private telegram from New Orleans says that the Custom House employes who are members of the Legislature have resigned, been removed, or suspended. The above is anticipatory of the President's order, soon to be issued, forbidding the holding of any State or other office by Government officials.

PER CONTRA.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Careful inquiry into the facts do not show that there is any truth in the statement telegraphed from Washington that the Custom House employes had resigned their seats in the Kellogg Legislature. The resignation, it is believed, would break the quorum in the Senate. Postmaster Lowell, Surveyor Ingraham, the two Derwigs and Sypher took part in the legislative proceedings to-day. It is understood all the Custom House members have leave of absence from the Custom House during the session of the Legislature.

JOURNALISTIC AMENITIES.

The Brooklyn "Union" Versus the New York "Tribune"—A Retraction as is a Retraction.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The proprietor of the Brooklyn *Union* was waited on to-day by Mr. Runkle, legal representative of the *Tribune*, who demanded retraction of the article published in the *Union*, and reproduced in the New York *Times*, stating that the *Tribune* was virtually controlled by Jay Gould, and that its circulation is falling off enormously. The *Union* this afternoon says:

"We are now, under threat of a suit for libel, asked to make 'an explicit and absolute retraction.' To do this we must first know, of our own knowledge, that our assertions were false. We do not know of our own knowledge that our allegations were false; we do not know of our own knowledge that they are true. If Mr. Whitelaw Reid interprets this explanation as a 'full and explicit retraction,' we have nothing further to say. If he does not, and wants anything more, he must give us additional evidence, and when a conviction of the falsity of our statements has been brought to our minds, we will most gladly and promptly assure the public of that fact."

The *Union* does not make public the name of its alleged informant, but it is believed Sam Sinclair is the author of the malicious fiction.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The *Tribune*, to-day, has the following: "Two envious editors, one in New York and the other in Brooklyn, who apparently spend their waking hours in inventing stories about this newspaper, instead of looking after their own, have recently published an unusual fiction, as malicious as it is preposterous, concerning the business ownership of the *Tribune*. Libel proceedings," it adds, "are to be instituted unless retractions are immediately made." Henry C. Bowen is mentioned as the Brooklyn editor.

A demand was made upon Henry C. Bowen, of the *Union*, to-day, by a lawyer representing the *Tribune*, for a retraction of the alleged libel appearing in the *Union*, and which subsequently was copied into the *Times* of this city, concerning the ownership and circulation of the *Tribune*. The Brooklyn *Union*, this evening, in its editorial, says it had no knowledge of its own and has none now in relation to the matter complained of. The *Union* also acknowledges that its informant obtained his knowledge from hearsay testimony.

FIENDISH.

Diabolical Attempt to Poison a Family With Arsenic.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—A special to the *Democrat* from Decatur, Ill., says the family of A. Culp, consisting of seven persons, were taken violently sick immediately after breakfast yesterday morning, the symptoms being those of poison. Dr. Chenoweth investigated the matter, and found a paper containing arsenic deposited in a pump, the water from which had been used in making coffee for breakfast. The family were very sick, but at last accounts were out of danger. No clue as to who put the arsenic in the pump has been discovered.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Captain Emil, one of the proprietors of the brewery in LaSalle, in kindly consideration of the feelings of the bereaved family, has offered a reward of $25 for the recovery of the body of Henry Smith, the beer-wagon driver, who was drowned last Thursday evening in an attempt to ford the Little Vermillion River.

Augustus Calvert, of Nashville, Tenn., 12 years of age, was accidentally poisoned on Friday. He fell, and his elbow struck in a parcel of wet meal mixed with strychnine. The boy was eating a piece of bread at the time, brushed off the meal that adhered to his sleeve, and continued his eating. He was poisoned by the strychnine which got on his hand and was communicated to his bread. He died yesterday afternoon.

Small-pox is prevalent at Argyle, Deerfield, and Yarmouthtown, N. S. In the latter place six deaths are reported.

Burglars cut a hole through the floor of C. C. Corbett's store at Vienna, Ill., on Friday night, from beneath the building, and carried off $400 worth of dry goods and clothing. No clue to the robbers.

There were sixty deaths from small-pox during the past week in Boston. A new commodious small-pox hospital has been erected and finished within six days on the site of the one recently burned.

The case of Cathcart C. Taylor, city editor of *Forney's Press*, Philadelphia, who was convicted of libel, has been postponed until Friday next, when the motion for a new trial will be argued.

A despatch from Sir Bartle Frere, dated Aden, Egypt, Jan. 4, says: "I will leave in the Enchantress for Zanzibar at 5 o'clock to-night."

SPRINGFIELD.

State Treasurer's Statement for December—General Beveridge's Resignation as Congressman-at-Large—The Miners' Strike.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—The receipts and disbursements at the State Treasury for the month of December are:

RECEIPTS.	
Revenue fund	$163,060.47
School fund	62.07
Canal redemption	41,075.63
Local interest	3,000.00
Total	$207,196.17

DISBURSEMENTS.	
State revenue	$196,072.58
State debt	31,404.73
School fund	100,250.60
Local interest fund	1,723.24
Canal redemption fund	468,304.75
Total	$698,755.30

The canal redemption item, amounting to nearly a half a million, will go to swell the coffers of Cook County, and is in payment of the debt contracted by the State in removing the lien of the City of Chicago upon the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Nearly, or quite, one-half of the indebteeness thus created, has been discharged.

General John L. Beveridge, Congressman-at-large, Lieutenant Governor-elect and prospective Governor of the State of Illinois, today, tendered to Governor Palmer his resignation as Congressman-at-Large, to take effect immediately. It is altogether probable that no election will be ordered to fill the vacancy, as the term is of to short duration to benefit the people in any way. With General Beveridge's term the office of Congressman-at-Large for the State ceases to be.

The Coal Commissioners' Association, of Chicago, filed articles of association to-day. No capital stock. The object of the Company is that of mutual protection, and to secure their supply of coal at actual cost and transportation.

The Hon. Edward Routz, State Treasurer-elect, filed his official bond, to-day, with the Secretary of State. The bond required by law is, in amount, $200,000. The names of the bondsmen have been furnished in these despatches some days ago.

The proprietors of the coal shafts here are not accepting the services of some of the old miners, and a portion of them, too, refuse yet to go to work. In one mine there are few experienced miners. The remainder are negroes who have gone to work at mining since the strike began. There are in the north mines at present thirty-nine negroes, and the number will be swelled by twenty more next week. Numbers of the old miners are leaving, having abandoned all hope of securing an advance in mining-rates.

WALL STREET.

Commercial and Financial Review for the Past Week—Business Yesterday.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The past week, financially, has been dull. The stringency in money has continued, although at the close loans were somewhat easier. The great bulk of business on call has been at 1-16 to 5-16, and on some days the market was extremely close at these high rates. To-day, money was in better supply, especially to the leading bankers, who had Government bonds to offer as collateral. At this time last year the Sub-Treasury reported a gold balance of $64,000,000, and a currency balance of $6,900,000. At the close of business last evening, the Treasury reported a gold balance of $40,280,000, and a currency balance of $20,000,000.

Gold speculation during the week has been tame, and the price declined from 112⅝ to 111⅝.

Foreign exchanges have been quiet, and closed at a slight decline from the opening rates.

The stock market has been quiet, and most of the operations were centered in a few stocks. The fluctuations have been much fewer than usual, the greatest fluctuation of the week being only 3¼ per cent. In most cases, the changes were only about 1 per cent. Erie has improved a little during the week. Western Union still exhibits apprehensions of the postal telegraph. The bank statement is favorable.

MONEY.

Money was easier to-day, and declined to 4 per cent at the close, although the bulk of business was at 7 to 1-32. Mercantile paper, the last to be affected in any change of the money market, is still dull, leading names being held at 10 to 12. The money market is slowly but steadily tending towards ease and lower rates.

GOLD.

Gold ruled quiet and firmer at 111⅜@111⅝.

BONDS.

Government bonds closed firm, but quiet. The foreign bankers who purchased quite liberally yesterday were out of the market to-day, but this element was compensated for by an advance in gold. 1881 6s sold at 113⅝; 1868s, new, at 112½; 1867s at 113⅛@113¾.

STOCKS.

The stock market declined in the afternoon, and closed heavy.

PRODUCE.

Holders of flour, owing to the continued light arrivals, are very firm, but the inquiry is limited. Low grades are held higher; other grades strong. Good Liverpool in fair request. Wheat at the opening was held higher, with a fair demand for spring for export. Winter scarce and firmer. The market closes quiet but firm at the advance, the demand being chiefly for export. Winter is not so freely offered.

Pork was firm and a little more active for future at an advanced bid. New mess is quoted at $13.75 cash For future delivery, 500 brls for February at $13.25. Cut meats—Pickled hams are very firm, city 15lb average quoted at 9¾c. Dry salted shoulders sold to the extent of 100 boxes for January at 4¾c. Bacon is quiet; 500 boxes long and short clear for February sold at 6¾c; 75 boxes long clear on the spot at 6¾c. Short clear is quoted at 7¼c. Lard is firmer, with sales of about 500 tcs at 7¾c for Western on the spot, and 7¾c for city. For future delivery, 500 tcs to arrive in February at 7¾c.

FIRES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 4.—Benjamin & Ford's jewelry store, in Brewster's building, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $30,000; insured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—A large storehouse belonging to the Greenleaf machine works, was burned this morning; loss, $12,000.

CENTRAL, Ia., Jan. 4.—A fire destroyed the residence and contents of Charles Robinson. He is a laboring man, and the loss falls heavy, as he had just finished paying for it. A large amount of valuable property narrowly escaped destruction.

Laura Fair Sues a Caricaturist for Libel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Laura D. Fair procured a warrant to-day for the arrest of G. Thistleton for libel, which consists of a series of caricatures of her late trial for the murder of A. P. Crittenden.

It is reported that the Grand Jury has indicted Harbor Commissioner Marks and his son for harbor frauds, recently the subject of investigation.

Abandoned at Sea.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Isabella Hartley, from New York, for Antwerp, with cotton, was abandoned at sea. Most of her cargo was saved.

Ocean Steamship News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Arrived—The steamships City of Brooklyn, Pathia, and Denmark, from Liverpool.

Also, the Hammonia, from Hamburg.

STOKES.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The closing stages of Stokes' second trial have arrived, and the public interest in the case is reawakened. Lyman Tremaine's argument for the defence has been a long and powerful effort, seeking to prove that Stokes shot in self-defence, and is blameless. The prosecution in opening, to-day, insisted that the murder was premeditated for at least one year. Those who have followed the trial most closely anticipate a verdict of either murder in the second degree, or another disagreement.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

FOR THE DEFENCE.

Great crowds gathered around the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day when Mr. Tremaine was making the concluding portion of his argument in defence of Stokes. He was very severe upon the boy Hart, alleging that he was a perjurer, and his animadversions upon the character of Fisk were quite bitter. He claimed that the shooting of Fisk by Stokes, under even an apprehension of danger, if that apprehension was sincere, was a justifiable defence. After an exhaustive argument, in which the character of Fisk and the witnesses for the prosecution were severely excoriated, Mr. Tremaine closed his effort for the prisoner at 1 o'clock. There was great applause from the audience upon the conclusion of the address, which was suppressed by the Judge.

FOR THE PROSECUTION.

After recess, Mr. Beach commenced the reply for the prosecution, and spoke several hours. He reviewed at length the testimony of the principal witnesses, and called upon the jury to judge whether, from the story of Stokes himself, the case was not one of murder. Stokes' early career, and the circumstances of his murder were commented upon with severity. On the question of premeditation, Mr. Beach submitted to the jury on the broad principle, whether, at the moment of firing the fatal shot, the prisoner intended to kill.

THE CHARGE.

When Mr. Beach had concluded, the Judge at once proceeded to deliver his charge. After complimenting the jury, counsel, and press for abstaining from criticisms in the case, he charged:

That all questions were to be discarded which bore upon the character and habits, or social surroundings of either the deceased or the prisoner. The killing being practically conceded, the question was, whether that killing was a crime. It was agreed on both sides that the killing was either murder in the first degree, manslaughter in the third degree, or justifiable homicide. To determine the point of guilt, it was important to consider: were there two pistols found, and whether the prisoner was acting in self-defence. He then explained the theory of the prosecution that there was but one pistol, and of the defence that there were two. He instructed that the jury might consider another theory, viz., that the pistol found by the lad was dropped by the prisoner, though this theory was irreconcilable with the testimony. No one testifies to seeing a pistol in Fisk's hands except the prisoner. The silence of the prisoner when arrested didn't necessarily involve guilt. If the jury believed that the prisoner fired from premeditated design to kill without warning, they should find a verdict of murde in the first degree unless they found a verdict of manslaughter in the third. On the latter point, they were to consider if there was a conflict, and whether the character of Fisk was such as from menaces to lead to apprehension of danger. On that point only, viz., whether deceased was personally a violent and dangerous man or not, were they to consider his character. It was the duty of the prisoner to satisfy them that the killing was not murder.

His Honor then explained the kind of doubt to which the prisoner would be entitled, and in conclusion said it would be a great misfortune if the jury now disagreed. Ordinarily, twelve honest, intelligent men do, after consideration, make up their minds and agree,—where passion, prejudice, or obstinacy, or other motives are present to pervert. He made these remarks because the jury on the former trial disagreed. The prisoner was either guilty, and should be convicted, or innocent, and acquitted His Honor did not anticipate a disagreement in this case.

The jury then retired.

THE VERDICT.

The jury in the Stokes case, after being out some few hours, entered at 11 o'clock, and rendered a verdict against the prisoner of murder in the first degree.

SENTENCE DEFERRED.

Judge Boardman deferred sentence until Monday.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

The anticipation that the verdict would be given some time to-night in the Stokes case created much interest in many places throughout the city. It was hardly expected, however, that the verdict would be reached so soon.

During the latter days of the trial, some apprehension was awakened among the friends of the prisoner at the pertinacity and skill with which the testimony for the prosecution was evolved. Still a feeling existed among many that a conviction of murder in the first degree would not be found, and that if there were no disagreements of the jury, the verdict would be either justifiable homicide or manslaughter in the third degree.

PROBABLE MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

The prisoner's counsel will, doubtless, now apply for a new trial, as they took many exceptions in the progress of the case on which they can ground their application.

LATER.

The jury came into Court at 11:12, having been absent about three hours. There was a marked sensation in Court at the announcement of the verdict.

THE PRISONER

turned ashy pale, and his sister wept aloud. Assistant District Attorney Fellows moved that the sentence of the law be pronounced, but, at the suggestion of Mr. Tremaine, the Judge deferred pushing the sentence until Monday.

THE JURY,

it transpired, on retiring, stood 10 for murder in the first degree, and 2 for manslaughter in the third degree.

THE VERDICT ACCEPTED.

From information derived in an interview with some of the lawyers of Stokes, it is thought that no exceptions to the verdict will be taken.

PACIFIC SLOPE.

Meeting of San Franciscans to Remonstrate Against the Passage of the Goat Island Bill—Mining Matters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The Chamber of Commerce is thronged to-night by an assemblage of the most wealthy and influential men of the city and State, to take formal action against the passage of the Goat Island bill. The meeting is thoroughly representative in every respect. Governor Booth presides, and is addressing the people. Mayor Alvord, C. Adalphe Low, President of the Chamber of Commerce, are on the platform. Governor Booth is making a very powerful speech. He says: "It is my deliberate conviction that the public sentiment of this city and State is as nearly unanimous in opposition to the passage of the Goat Island bill as it ever can be on any subject where two opinions are possible." Speaking of the present position of the Company, he says: "It controls, two hundred acres of Mission Bay, almost the entire Oakland front, Alemada Point Landing, Vallejo, almost the exclusive control of the landings at Sacramento and Stockton, and enjoys a practical monopoly of the steam navigation to all these places. There is nothing in the whole range of physical possibilities of the Company to get except Goat Island." He concluded: by saying that Goat Island was the pistol held at the head of San Francisco by the Company to compel other concessions in the future. He held that the people were fully justified in their fears that the bridge to Goat Island would shoot the harbor, perhaps destroy its usefulness. He cited the opinions of eminent civil engineers to that point. Governor Booth denounced the efforts making in Washington to create the impression that the public opinion of this State has undergone a change, and now favors the grant of the island to the Company. The cession is pushed in Congress at the present time, because the Company fears that a postponement may result in the defeat of the measure. The proportion of those favoring the measure is as one to five thousand. The Company concedes that their use of the island is not a public necessity, for they have offered to abandon the hill if the city will make a donation of two and a half million dollars, and give them certain privileges in Mission Bay.

C. Adolphe Low, President of the Chamber, followed in a speech expressive of the opinion of the Commercial class against the cession of the island. He said it would result disastrously to the commercial and other interests of the city.

A resolution was adopted to telegraph the speeches and resolutions to Senators in Congress.

A Committee of Ways and Means, was appointed, one of its duties being to solicit influential citizens to proceed at once to Washington and lay the matter before Congress.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted expressive of the sense of the meeting against the passage of the bill.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Jan. 4.—A number of mills in Carson Valley and in the vicinity of Virginia City and Gold Hill, crushing ore from the Comstock lode, have been suspended, or are worked much below their full capacity, owing to the lack of transportation for ore and fuel.

Three feet of snow has fallen at White Pine the present week, seriously impeding travel.

The citizens of Pioche yesterday had a meeting to organize a Vigilance Committee for the suppression of crime, which is getting the upper hand of the law.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—John H. Pawson & Co., of this city, dealers in Manchester goods, have failed. Their liabilities are reported to be $15,000,000. It is feared that other failures will follow.

The weather to-day is tempestuous, and some damage to shipping has occurred.

Ex-Emperor Napoleon has been suffering for some time from symptoms of stone in his bladder, the presence of a large stone having been demonstrated by means of a "sound." On Thursday the patient underwent the first operation for its removal by lithotomy. The London papers of this date announce that the operation was successful, and that, up to last night, the condition of the patient was encouraging, no unfavorable symptoms having been developed. A despatch from Chiselhurst, this morning, announces that the condition of the ex-Emperor is unchanged, and that no apprehensions of serious results are entertained.

The *Standard* says that the annexation of the Sandwich Islands to the United States would be no menace to England, but to Australia, and urges, as a means of restoring the equilibrium, in the event of such a transfer, the annexation of the Fejee Islands to Australia.

There was a slight mutiny, yesterday, on the British steam frigate Aurora, now lying at Plymouth. The demonstration was soon suppressed.

The ships Northumberland, Hercules, and Sultan, of the Channel squadron, were somewhat damaged by the recent severe gales.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A Dublin special states that the Orangemen and constabulary in the town of Lurgan had a fight yesterday owing to an attempted stoppage of a parade. No fatalities are reported.

AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A correspondence has taken place between Count Von Beust, late Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Duke De Grammont, in relation to the assertion of the latter that Austria promised to assist France in the case of war with Prussia.

Count Von Beust announces his intention of shortly publishing in Paris a reply to the statement of Duke De Grammont, explaining the attitude of Austria at the time of the outbreak of the late war.

CUBA.

HAVANA, Jan. 3, *via* KEY WEST.—The *Europa*, a new journal, appeared yesterday.

The Spanish troops have captured the insurgents Colonel Isidoro Benitez and Dr. Guizout.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Borcelles will return to Paris from Rome. This is regarded as an indication of the continuance of the difference between Thiers and the Pope.

Count Von Arnim, the German Ambassador to France, will, to-morrow, entertain M. Thiers and a number of other distinguished personages at dinner.

M. Thiers will go to Calais on the 10th inst. to witness the artillery experiments.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The *Emancipation*, Radical newspaper of Toulouse, has been suppressed.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The Emperor William his decided that General Von Roon, who has been appointed President of the Prussian Council of Ministers to succeed Prince Bismarck, shall remain Chief Minister of War, and that General Von Kameoke shall co-operate with and represent him in the discharge of the duties of that office.

NEW YORK.

Closing Up of a Disreputable Theatre—Dilled His Mother-in-Law—Bible Society—Miscellaneous Local News.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Canterbury Theatre on Broadway, recently a concert saloon, has failed and will be closed out at auction next week. Its performances have been vulgar beyond precedent, its former corps of fifty waiter girls figuring in a programme of shamelessness and indecent dialogue. It is something to the credit of New York, that the place has never had a paying audience since it opened.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The historian Froude sails to-day for England.

At Newark, N. J., on Thursday night, a man beat out the brains of his mother-in-law with an iron bar.

Owing to the large arrivals of destitute Italians, 1,000 more being expected, the Commissioners of Emigration are considering measures for enlarging the accommodations on Ward's Island. There are 300 Italians already on the island.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, yesterday, four new auxiliaries were recognized: One in Georgia; one in Nebraska, and two in Alabama. Gratifying reports were received from various points.

The funerals of Margaret and Mary Donohue, two victims of the Centre street fire, took place this afternoon.

At a final meeting of the Assistant Aldermen, to-day, and unsuccessful attempt was made to pass a resolution authorizing the street railroads to run dummy engines.

A Sheriff's officer at the Court of Oyer and Terminer, to-day, brutally assaulted a reporter, who sought admission to the Court to witness the Stokes trial.

This afternoon, five prisoners attempted to escape from Ward's Island in a small boat, but were precipitated into the water by the drifting ice. Two of them, females, were drowned, but the others were rescued.

FATAL FUN.

A Young Iowan Compelled to Play "Mazeppa" for the Amusement of a Drunken Crowd—He Dies from the Effects of Their Barbarity.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 4.—On Thursday night, the village of Wadena, near Elkador, Clayton County, Iowa, was the scene of a terrible tragedy. Some young men bent on mischief, among whom was Garrett Dorland, a youth of 17, serenaded a newly-married couple, after which they visited the neighboring saloons, and drank freely, becoming boisterous and more mischievous than ever. On Dorland's starting for home on account of not feeling well, they opposed him and procured a horse, on which they tied him with ropes and thongs, disregarding his cries and the plunging of the now furious beast. This accomplished, they rode him through the streets, which was kept up for some time, after which, with much trouble, they put him on *terra firma*, but finding him unconscious, he was conveyed to the house of one Lockard, where, after a few ineffectual attempts at reviving him, he was wrapped up in a blanket and left. In the morning he was found cold in death, with bloody froth at his mouth. The affair is being thoroughly investigated to see whether death was the result of drinking and of exposure in that terrible midnight ride. It is expected that those by whose means his death was brought about will all be punished.

THE WEATHER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 4.—A heavy snow has been falling since 10 o'clock.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 4.—Snow commenced falling at 7 o'clock this morning, and has been falling unceasingly since that time. Travel is impeded, and the trains are all delayed.

Arrest of a Lottery Dealer.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 4.—John S. Pardee, a noted lottery man, was arrested last evening on complaint of Israel McDonald, Special Agent of the Post Office Department, on a charge of violating the laws of the United States against lotteries, in fraudulently using the mails.

Cincinnati Pork-Packing.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The whole number of hogs slaughtered in Cincinnati since Nov. 1 is 433,000.

POLITICAL.

LOUISIANA POLITICS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Private advices from New Orleans state there is no fear of violence or collision between the opposing factions on the day fixed for the inauguration of the Governor, although each party will go through the ceremony of inaugurating its candidate. It is said that the purpose of the Fusionists is to save a legal point, which might appear to be waived by the omission to perform the ceremony.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—The Sub-Committee of 200 have reported, giving an account of their action at Washington, and expressing their views respecting the present condition of affairs. It says:

In fulfilment of the mission confided to us by the people, we have laid before the President of the United States an impartial and truthful history of the extraordinary events which have recently transpired within the State of Louisiana, resulting in the overthrow of the Government elected by the people, and in the temporary installing in the offices of the State men who were not in any manner elected thereto. The President, while maintaining the propriety of the course which he has pursued in an Executive capacity, has not professed to consider his action as a final decision of the vital questions at issue in the politics of the State, but has remitted us to Congress as a proper tribunal to investigate the facts with more minuteness thar the means within Executive control affords him opportunity of doing, and render such relief as the nature of the case may seem to require. We have the assurances of both the President and Attorney General, that such an investigation will meet with no opposition from the Administration, and that they will readily co-operate in the affair, affording such appropriate aid as Congress may see fit to recommend. We confidently anticipate that Congress will promptly appoint a Committee to investigate, fairly and impartially, the facts of the case, and, in view of the gross and palpable wrongs which have been committed, we cannot doubt that such a Committee must admit and report to Congress the necessity of prompt and complete relief.

The Committee advise that the Lyceum Hall Legislature assemble on Monday to consider how to perpetuate its legal existence, and recommend that the people of the State and city extend to them their moral support and earnest sympathy, and such material aid as may enable them to assert and maintain by legal means the rights of the people of the State to a local self-government.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Acting Governor Pinchback to-day signed the act recently passed by the Kellogg Legislature entitled, "An act to suppress riotous and unlawful assemblies." It provides that if any three or more persons, being armed with clubs or any other dangerous weapon or weapons, or if any ten or more persons shall unlawfully assemble in the city of New Orleans, or in any town, city, or parish within this State, for any unlawful purpose, with intent to disturb the public peace, or to cause public disturbance, the persons so assembling shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, be punished by a fine and imprisonment.

A three-column address to the people, signed "P. B. Pinchback, Acting Governor of Louisiana," is published. After a recital of alleged misdeeds during the recent campaign, it says: "Not content with all these outrages against American citizenship, those foiled and defeated leaders of a minority, when thwarted by the majesty of the law as construed and enforced by an honest and independent judiciary, State and Federal, now propose through a man pretending to be Governor-elect, and a Legislature pretending to be elected, to organize and operate a Government in direct conflict with, and in violation of the dignity and peace of the existing Government of the State of Louisiana, and of the United States. We recognize the right of free discussion and of free assemblage of the people. They may lawfully meet not only to memorialize the authorities to redress wrongs and to perpetuate the right; not only to criticise and censure their servants wherein they may deem them derelict, but even to denounce them for wrongs real or imaginary; but when any class of men with an undetermined and unascertained official status propose to meet and organize a law-making assembly, they do an illegal act. It is permitted citizens to indulge themselves as fully as the largest personal liberty may require, and financial embarrassment and social disquiet is incident. It must belong to them, but when their action becomes organized, and suggests and prompts violations of the law, and obstructions and antagonisms to the authority of the State in the exercise of its legitimate functions, and inaugurate an executive and exercise Governmental functions in the presence of and in conflict with the existing and established authorities, such parties are revolutionists, and guilty of treason against the State, and are disturbers of the public peace, and must be dealt with as such. I am prepared, as the Acting Executive of Louisiana, to permit without malice or hindrance, any lawful assembly, but not an usurping faction. It cannot for a moment be either ignored or overlooked, but it must be met and suppressed. It is my duty as Executive, not only to quell mobs and insurrections, but to prevent by the prompt and vigorous execution of the law the inception of such riotous and disturbed conditions. I do not propose anything will be inaugurated in the State of Louisiana, as will make it necessary for the national authorities to declare martial law therein, and take possession thereof, which is much to be deplorable and may be sought and advised by the few ill-advised, short-sighted, and self-seeking men, who are laboring to that end.

The Governor-Elect, as returned by the Legislature in session at the State House, will, on the day provided for in the Constitution, be inaugurated, and the Legislature recognized by the President will meet and perform its legitimate functions but no pretended Governor shall be inaugurated, and no pretended General Assembly shall convene and disturb the public peace. Parties participating in either case in such wrong-doers, will be promptly dealt with as such. The whole force of the State shall be used for this purpose, and all necessary National aid will be invoked to cooperate with and sustain the same. I have every confidence that the General Assembly now in session, sustained and aided by the suggestion and the general influence of the community, will make useful and adequate laws, and I shall cheerfully co-operate with them in furthering the public weal, but no good end can be accomplished by disorder and revolution, while the commercial, financial, and industrial interest of the State, will be seriously affected thereby. No good citizen will sanction them, and under the obligations of my oath of office, I am determined they shall not prevail.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Pinchback's address, threatening to disperse the Fusion Legislature, creates considerable excitement. It is believed that only Federal troops can prevent the Lyceum Hall Assembly from meeting.

NEW YORK CITY AND STATE POLITICS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A meeting of several prominent Democrats was held last evening, presided over by Congressman Roosevelt, at which resolutions were passed proposing a coalition of the various factions of the Democratic party in this city.

Advices from Albany mention the arrival of a large force of lobbyists and office seekers to await the assembling of the Legislature.

It is understood that the messages of Governor Dix and Mayor Havemeyer urge a reduction in the number of Commissioners and of the salaries of Commissioners, and other important economical measures. It is said that the Mayor's message recommends a change in the City Government, so as to render the Chief Magistrate the responsible head of all departments. The message adverts to the recent municipal revolution, and the benefit it has conferred on the city in the cause of reform. It is also said that Mr. Havemeyer avows his intention to administer his office in the interest of the whole people of the city, and not for the benefit of any class or party.

TO PREVENT ELECTION FRAUDS.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The Republican City Committee has decided to apply to the Legislature for such a revision of the election laws as will henceforth prevent fraudulent voting.

MISSOURI POLITICS.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—The inauguration of Governor Woodson, which was set for Monday, has been postponed till Wednesday.

Senator F. P. Blair arrived at Jefferson City, to-day, to look after his Senatorial interests.

The Horse Disease.

DENVER, Jan. 4.—The epizootic has continued to increase in this city until most of the horses are more or less affected, and the streets present an almost deserted appearance. Reports from other sections of the Territory and as far south as Santa Fe shows the disease to have broken out almost simmultaneously along the whole eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains for a distance of 500 miles north and south. The Southern Overland Mail and Express Company from Pueblo to Santa Fe have stopped running, and the people of New Mexico will be deprived of mail communication for some time to come.

WESTERN RIVERS.

The Break-Up on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers—Steamboat Sunk—Adventures and Perils of a Ferry-Boat—No Further Damage Now Anticipated.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The *Times'* Louisville special says that very heavy ice was running all night. The river has fallen 2 inches since morning. The ice has gorged along the Kentucky shore, from Towhead to Wing dam, extending to mid-river, and is also gorged on the Indiana side some distance from the shore. During the night several boats crowded in against the shore, but received no injury. Several coal-boats floated over the falls safely, and were probably caught below.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Light ice is running in the Ohio. Heavy ice commenced running out of the Licking about 12 o'clock. Everything is safe here. No boats are leaving for up-river now on account of heavy ice on the way from Romeray's gorge, which is expected here to-morrow.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The river declined to-day. It is thought now that the freeze and brisk winds will prevent the rapid flow of its tributaries, and that they will run out in detail, and not produce the great flood anticipated. A sudden thaw, with rain, would alter the case and produce a great flood.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 4.—Early this morning a salt boat passed down the chute and lodged at the head of Goose Island, and will probably be saved. An empty coal boat passed down about half-past 10 a. m., and struck Pier No. 20 broadside, swinging around, and went in apparently unhurt. Before noon, a coal-boat lodged on Weitzell's Dam, at the head of the canal, and hung there. Late last night, two hay-boats, the wreck of a steamer, and a number of barges went down over the Falls. Five boats and barges altogether, came down do-day, and two more were in sight at dark. Several ice islands formed in front of the city. The ice is backed up from Weitzel's Dam to the Towhead, at least two miles, but the field only extends some 200 yards from the shore into the river, and has crowded the coal and wharf-boats slightly on the Indiana side. Below the mail line wharf-boat, where the steamers lie, the harbor is comparatively free of ice near the shore. A stationary belt of ice lines the Jeffersonville front from opposite First street to the ferry landing. One ice island is one-fourth of the way across the river from the foot of Third street. It is 200 yards long, thirty or forty wide, and sixteen feet high. A smaller island is further out, near the middle of the river. These leave narrow passages for the floating ice, and some fears are expressed of a gorge at this point. Others say the current is too strong. The islands are formed by the deep floating ice catching on the ice-locks or fallen obstructions.

No further damage was done, and no serious damage is now anticipated. The river has fallen six inches, and is still falling slowly. Nine feet in the canal and seven feet in the chute.

The Mary Houston came up through the canal to-day, and lies at the city wharf landing, to wait for the ice to run on Tuesday.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—A large field of ice, extending from shore to sh

DION AND DALY.

The Best Game of Billiards Ever Played.

A Remarkable Contest for the Diamond Cue.

Sixteen Points which Nearly Resulted in a Tragedy.

The billiard experts and amateurs of New York, Boston, and other cities gathered in large numbers last Tuesday night at Irving Hall, New York, to witness a match between Cyrille Dion, the champion of America, and Maurice Daly, a young and brilliant expert, whose record for the past two or three years shows that his aspirations to the championship are not unbacked by skill and nerve. The game which followed proved one of the most closely-contested and exciting ever played in America, and, though its conclusion was unsatisfactory, still it has had the effect of arousing more interest in billiards than has existed for many years. That our readers, who take an interest in the "gentleman's game," may be made familiar with all the circumstances of this match, we reproduce herewith the New York *Sun's* most excellent report of the contest:

This, as in the preceding matches for the championship, was the American game, 1,500 points up, and played on a four-pocket table 5¾ by 11 feet, and 9½-inch balls. The table was placed in the centre of the auditorium, and seats ranged around it in such a manner that all could easily witness the play. As on the occasion of the last match, Irving Hall was cold and cheerless, no effort to heat the large room having been made, although Dion, whose play suffered considerably during the last match from this cause, had especially requested that the hall be well warmed.

At 8:10 p. m. Mr. Gavitt, master of ceremonies, called the game, and announced that Mr. Bennett, champion of Canada, would act as umpire for Daly, Mr. Michael Geery as umpire for Dion, and Mr. John C. Heenan as referee. As the Benicia Boy assumed his seat he was greeted with loud applause, to which he replied by a genial smile. This formality over, the players entered, Mr. Dion first. Both were loudly cheered. Meanwhile Bud. Schofield the scorer was clearing the table. At the string the nine balls stopped so near the cushion that Mr. Heenan was called upon for a decision. He decided in favor of Daly, who left his ball near the left hand upper pocket. Dion taking first shot and missing by a hair's breadth. Daly then scored 3, and slipped up on an easy shot, Dion following with one carom and a bad miss. Daly made 3 in his second inning, and slipped up on a cushion follow, which, although unsuccessful, was applauded. In his fourth inning Dion scored 24, which Daly followed with a clever run of 12, the balls breaking badly for him. In his fifth inning Daly scored 60, while Dion slipped upon a difficult cushion shot. Daly was aided materially in this inning by a scratch, and as if to compensate for this, the run was brought to a sudden stop by the holing of his opponent's ball, as was also his play in the next inning, when the balls were left in baize after a very brilliant shot, calculated to bring the balls well together. Dion seemed at this stage of the game to be suffering from the cold, and played with his cost on; while Daly stripped to his shirt at the beginning of the game and appeared to be comfortable, although after an inning he generally covered his shoulders with his coat. Dion missed four consecutive shots, none of which were easy, however, and his friends were somewhat discouraged.

At the first call by the scorer Daly was 102 and Dion 83. In his seventy-third inning, when he had scored 79, Daly's progress was checked by a freeze, and he seemed undecided as to his play. When he decided on a round table hand shot, and, aided by good luck, scored 6, ending the run with a pretty cushion shot, and swelling his score 88 points. During this run Daly made a very thin carom, and Dion appealed. Mr. Heenan decided in Daly's favor.

The call at the end of the eighth inning was—Daly, 208; Dion, 83. In the ninth inning, before which he had removed his coat, Dion put on a pair of gloves, but slipped up on an easy shot and left the balls where Daly could not fail to score. A run of 27 was the result, and Dion scored but 3 on a safe tenth inning, missing the balls on his second shot. Daly's 11th inning netted him 22 points, but he left the balls bunched, and Dion's friends looked to the champion to show his mettle. They were not disappointed. Holding the balls together with a masterly hand, Dion piled up a score of 93, when his opponent's shot went into the upper corner left hand pocket, and he played the balls within the line. There was but slight hope of Daly's scoring off such a leave, but by a bold and well calculated bank shot (probably the most difficult in a match game) he got the tvories into position and scored 117. The bank shot at the opening of this run literally brought down the house, and when it was followed by a series of delicate and beautiful position shots, the enthusiasm of the audience was excited to the highest, and each brilliant *coup* was greeted with loud applause. At the end of the run, a number of the audience asserted that the last shot had counted, but the referee decided adversely.

At the end of the twelfth inning the score stood Daly, 374; Dion, 202; the latter having scored 30 in his twelfth inning, slipping up at last on a carom which an ordinary player would have scored to miss. His play in the thirteenth inning was better than any which had preceded it, and inspired his friends with renewed confidence. Playing with wonderful nerve and skill he bunched the balls against the lower cushion and manœuvred them for 120 points, slipping up, as on other occasions, on an easy stroke, Daly's thirteenth inning was a brilliant one, but ended with a count of only 54, his opponent's ball having run into a pocket. His left the white out of the line, with the two reds against the centre of the lower cushion, but Dion missed the shot, and Daly following made a run of 98, at the close of the fifteenth inning Mr. Dion claimed that the table was not level, and demanded that it be fixed. Pending the arrival of a workman the game went on, the sixteenth inning giving Dion 8, and Daly a cypher, the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth innings on both sides being safety play. After these innings the table was levelled and play proceeded.

Dion's twenty-first inning, in which he made some brilliant strokes, ended disastrously with 24, his own ball going into the upper right-hand pocket. In Daly's twenty-first inning he unfortunately holed Dion's ball when he had scored but 33, and having but two balls to play on he stopped at 45, leaving the balls safe. The score at the end of the twenty-second inning stood—Daly, 531; Dion, 354.

Daly's twenty-third inning was distinguished by a palpable scratch, and ended by his accidentally holing his own ball after scoring 30. Dion in his twenty-fifth played in bad luck, and scored but 12 points, Daly following with a well-earned run of 158, which made the score: Daly, 700; Dion, 370. (Odds $100 to $90 on Daly, with few takers.) Dion's twenty-sixth inning went for 9, ending in a beautiful twice-cushion-the-ball shot, which missed by hardly a hair's breadth. Daly's twenty-sixth inning gave him 48 points, Dion scoring 94 in the next inning and leaving the balls badly; but Daly, by a pretty stroke, made a count and retired for 12. The game now stood: Daley, 786; Dion, 432.

And now the champion began to warm to his work. His twenty-ninth inning showed a beautiful double shot and was a series of fine carroms, which netted him 69 points, and in the next inning (Daly having retired for 3) he made a masterly bank shot and a run of 61 points. At the end of the thirty-first inning the scores stood: Daly, 706; Dion, 871—Dion having in this play pocketed his own ball accidentally.

Daly's thirty-third inning brought him 42, Dion falling with 9 points, and the score stood Daly, 838; Dion, 880.

Dion's thirty-fifth inning, during which the balls broke better for him than in any previous play, gave him 98 points, and ended with a deplorable slip up on an easy shot.

Daly a thirty-fifth inning gave him 57 points, due in a great degree to good luck, the balls running well for him. Dion showed poor play in his thirty-fifth and thirty-seventh innings; and Daly in his thirty-seventh was so unlucky as to go into the hole after a very fine carom, which elicited loud applause.

When Daly took his place for his thirty-eighth inning both whites were in the hole, and as he took one of them from the pocket to make a stroke, some one in the audience called out, "That's the wrong ball." "Thank you," said Daly, and was about to shoot, when Dion appealed to the referee on the ground that injustice had been done him by the warning given to Daly. The dispute occupied several minutes, but it was finally decided that, as Daly had not made a stroke, there was no penalty. The audience expressed great dissatisfaction at Dion's appeal.

The score at the end of the fortieth inning stood Daly 976, Dion 710, and from this to the forty-fourth inning, neither player distinguished himself. In the forty-fourth inning, Dion made 57, which Daly supplemented by a well-earned run of 122, marked by some of the best play of the game. The game now stood (according to the scorer, Daly 1,120, Dion 708; but according to the score kept by the reporters Daly should have been credited with 1,139 points, a difference of 16 points. When the mistake was discovered, Daly most magnanimously waived his right to claim these points.

Notwithstanding that his opponent, with less than 800 to go, was 341 points ahead of him, Dion retained his nerve, and in his forty-ninth inning earned 117 points, following this run with a fine and a safety shot. Daly meanwhile adding 6 and a cypher to his score. In his forty-seventh inning, Dion scored 45, and again left the balls in line, safe. In his forty-ninth he put together a neat run of 126, and Daly failing to score, the game stood Daly 1,147, Dion 1,005. In his fiftieth inning the champion took the lead for the first time, scoring 66, making the game—Dion 1,184, Daly 1,147. The announcement of the score was greeted with great applause.

Daly's fiftieth inning went for a blank, and Dion's fifty-first brought him 64, while Daly made 18, and ended with a miss one, playing with less nerve than before. A run of 54, made by Daly on the fifty-sixth his fifty-second inning, elicited great applause; and when, in the next inning, he made a magnificent cushion shot, the applause was deafening.

At this stage the game stood even, 1,284 each. Dion made two successive scratches in his fifty-sixth inning, which aided him to roll up a score of 63, but Daly followed with a well-played run of 126, which again gave him the lead, the score being—Daly, 1,320; Dion, 1,312. Daly missed an easy carom in his fifty-ninth inning, and Dion came in with 57, making the game nearly even. A seven-cushion shot by Dion in his fifty-seventh inning gave him a run of 54, and the next, the game standing—Dion, 1,411; Daly, 1,384.

The game now became intensely interesting, and the audience greeted every brilliant stroke with applause. It is to be regretted, however, that as the game neared an end, partisanship was more strongly manifested, the popular favorite being Daly, whose strokes were applauded, while Dion's lucky hits were hissed. At the end of the sixty-second inning, the score was Dion 1,435; Daly, 1,431.

Dion now played for safety, and for two or three innings the score was not materially increased. In his sixty-ninth inning Dion made 12, sending his score up to 1,480, and leaving him but 20 to go, but, to the chagrin of his friends, he slipped up on an easy shot, and Daly, after making 6, went in the hole on a five-stroke. The seventieth inning gave Dion 3 and Daly 9, and the seventy-first gave Daly 21, which made the score: Daly 1,499; Dion, 1,486.

As Dion stepped to the table to make his first shot of the seventy-first inning, some one in the audience cried "Daly's out." The audience rose with a wild cheer, and a grand rush was made for the table, where Dion, cue in hand, maintained his position. But before more than eight or ten of them had reached the table, Captain Leary, of the City Hall police, with Sergeant Thatcher and twenty patrolmen charged through the crowd and surrounded the table, forming a strong cordon around it.

For five minutes the noise and confusion were deafening and beyond all description. Appeals to the referee, calls by partisans of either player to "stick to it," and loud cries of "put Dion out" filled the hall, and the dense crowd swayed to and fro, and were frantic to make their way through the line of police and get at the table, possibly with the notion of breaking it in pieces, but more probably from the desire which all crowds have to be in the centre of the excitement.

Captain Leary tried to quiet the disturbance in vain, but finally, at the request of Mr. Heenan, the audience resumed their seats, pending deliberations as to whether the game should proceed.

The cause of the excitement arose in the forty-fourth inning, when the scorer (Bud Scofield) made a mistake in scoring a run of Daly's. He should have scored 169, but by mistake scored only 146, a difference of 23 points. When the mistake was discovered he stopped the game for a moment, and both players went with him before the referee.

Dion claimed that the string score was unalterable, and refused to recognize any outside score. This matter was referred to Mr. Heenan, who had not time to give a decision. When the agreement seemed to have been arrived at by the players, Mr. Daly, it was understood, having waived his right to the 16 points, the game was allowed to go on.

There can be no doubt that Daly actually made 1,506 points, but the question is, did he waive his right to the points in dispute. It is claimed that his going on with the game virtually waived the right, and that his action, or that of his friends, in infringing this mine at the most critical part of the game was unfair.

When order had been restored Daly came to the table and said:

"Mr. Referee, what is my score?"

"One thousand five hundred and six points," was the reply.

"Then I claim this game," said Daly, "and I'll stick to it."

Bud Scofield said he could explain the mistakes (which he did), and that Mr. Daly was fairly entitled to the game.

After much more talking and another scene of confusion Daly went toward Dion and said:

"Will you call best off on this game and play me again this night next week?"

"Yes, I will," said Dion.

This having been communicated to Mr. Heenan he made an official announcement that bets were off and that the game would be played out next Thursday night, Jan. 9. This cooled the crowd a little, and they slowly dispersed.

Daly's average was 20 70-71.
Dion's average was 20 66-71.
Both were exceptionally large averages.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The patent infringement suit, involving extensive interests, Tucker v. Fairbank, Peck & Co., was, on Saturday, decided as to the main points by Judge Drummond. The suit was brought by the inventor of improvements in the construction of boxes for packing lard, for damages for infringement of the patent by the defendants, who in turn sought to overthrow the plaintiff's claim to the patent. It will be seen that the Court came to a conclusion unexpected by both sides, namely, to sustain the plaintiff's claim to the invention, but giving the defendants a share in its benefits.

The Court decided that however it be with many of the claims set up by the plaintiff in his patent, that for the completed article, as he had described it in his specification, "a package for putting up lard and other oleaginous substances," that it was a valid claim as for a new article of manufacture. The Court also decided that the contract of March, 1867, by which arrangements were made for the construction of caddies and packages, and the manufacture and putting up of lard, for capital to be furnished by Fairbanks, Peck & Co., for certain moneys to be advanced to the plaintiff, for apportionment of profit made, and which agreed that in case of a patent being issued, it should be for the benefit of the defendants as well as the plaintiff, was still subsisting; and that, unless arrangements were made between the parties, and the controversy settled, the Court would take an order of reference to the Master to take an account of the profits, to ascertain the value of the royalty, and to determine whether the defendants had sustained damages in consequence of the disposal of the patent to others.

A BIG REAL ESTATE CLAIM.

Eli S. Prescott yesterday filed a substitute bill in the Circuit Court in the suit Perkins v. The Illinois & Michigan Canal and others. Complainant affirms that on the 2d of October, 1852, the Trustees of the Canal sold to Philip Maxwell the east half of the northwest quarter of the east half of the southeast quarter, north of plank road, of Section 23, Township 39, containing about 103 24-100 acres more or less, for the sum of $2,581; that said Maxwell sold one undivided half of the land to this plaintiff, but neglected to give him a proper deed for it, never having received the proper canal deed himself. Exhibits of such documentary evidence as exists are attached to the bill. Petitioner further relates that after Maxwell died, the Trustees gave a deed of sale to his heirs, as for their own purchase, whereas the records show that Maxwell bought the land and the heirs had no connection with it, except to succeed to the possession; wherefore, petitioner insists that the deed is null and void; particularly as petitioner bought and paid said Maxwell for a moiety of the land. He further affirms that the Chicago & Northwestern, and Galena & Chicago Union Railroad Companies claim to have an interest in the land, apparently on behalf of the St. Charles Branch Railroad Company (approved Jan. 8, 1849), afterward the Chicago & Charles & Mississippi Air Line Railroad Company, which was granted a right of way over part of said land, which right, petitioner contends, has become null and obsolete, not having been at any time acted upon, and the object for which it was granted having determined forever. On these grounds the petitioner claims the undivided half, and petitions the Court to define the ownership of the land.

MASTER IN CHANCERY'S OFFICE.

An examination of witnesses took place, on Saturday morning, in the Register's office, in the matter of H. E. Hubbard, instituted by Mr. Jenkins, Assignee, for the purpose of eliciting the fate of extensive real estate believed to have been owned by the bankrupt, which had been sold. Members of the firm of Ayers, Eoff & Co., real estate agents, testified, but their evidence included little in regard to the recent transactions, which the Assignee principally desired to reach. The information gleaned from various sources, meagre as it is, will, however, probably enable the Assignee to communicate his conclusions to the Court, shortly, in a tangible shape.

The following appointments are on the diary for the coming week: First, meeting of creditors on the matter of Fleming, at 11 a. m. Tuesday; and same on the matter of the Commercial Insurance Company at 11 a. m. on Thursday.

The first meeting of creditors for the appointment of Assignee, on the matter of William Batterman, took place on Saturday before the Register, a majority of the creditors being present. Mr. G. W. Campbell was elected.

THE ASHES OF THE DEFUNCT "REPUBLICAN."

John B. Lincoln, on Saturday, commenced suit against the parties formerly composing the *Republican* Job Printing Company, to remove cloud from the title of Lots 27, 28, 31, 52, Block 8, Williams' subdivision of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 39. Complainant affirms that the company bought this real estate of William H. Williams, and recorded the same as a deed of trust to Jeremiah S. Thompson. The land was, as it is now contended, bought by Wm. S. Heggie and Michael Zimmer, and by them sold to the plaintiff. Now the old firm claim an interest in the land, and this action is brought to remove the cloud. The defendants composing the *Republican* Job Printing Company are H. N. Hibbard, J. R. Walsh, Lincoln Dubois, Joseph McCulloch, Jacob Bunn, Wm. S. Heggie, Michael Zimmer, and Jeremiah S. Thompson.

HUBBARD'S ESTATE.

R. E. Jenkins, assignee in the estate of H. E. Hubbard, a bankrupt, reports that belonging to the estate are two stocks, and two stores containing the same, namely:

On Twenty-second street; stock at cost	$11,496.68
Fixtures at cost	1,436.00
The other stock at cost	8,194.40
Fixtures at cost	811.62
Total	$21,940.70

The first is considered an average retail stock and the other above the average, being composed largely of new goods, the fixtures in either case being worth very little. He reports also that he has negotiated the sale of the property to Loomis & Keller at 60 per cent of the original cost, amounting to $13,164.42; namely, $3,000 cash, $1,500 on Feb. 1, and the balance in equal notes in two, four, and six months, indorsed by two securities to be approved by the Court. The Court made an order as prayed.

GENERAL NOTES.

The hearing of the suit for the foreclosure of a mortgage on the Chicago & Cincinnati Air Line Railroad Company, and to settle a claim brought by the plaintiffs as Trustees for bondholders, in which large interests are at stake, known as Pullan et al. v. Chicago & Cincinnati Air Line Railroad Company, which was set for hearing before Judge Drummond on the 2d instant, has by agreement of counsel been postponed until the 1st of February, in consequence of the death of young McDonald, son of Mr. McDonald of Indianapolis, who is in the case.

The military gentleman named General Doran who, on Friday commenced suit in the Superior Court for divorce, and requested suppression of the suit, it being understood that he belonged to General Sheridan's staff, is not known to the General or the next in command.

The case of the billiard saloon keeper, Isaac R. Van Slyke, charged before Justice Banyon with keeping open on Sunday, which has been agreed on as a test case, was yesterday appealed to the Criminal Court.

The omnibus accident suit, Harler v. Joss, which has been several times explained and referred to during its progress through the Superior Court, has reached a verdict, the jury finding for the plaintiff; damages, $950.

Judge Porter will call, to-day, 1, 4, 5, 6, and 10 to 20 inclusive.

ATTORNEY'S RECORD.

CHANCERY.

THE CIRCUIT COURT—(*Williams, J.*)—213—Russell v. City of Chicago; demurrer to bill sustained and leave to amend instanter; leave to answer amended bill in 10 days. 699—Ferris v. Johnston et al.; motion to dismiss bill overruled. —Ell S. Prescott v. Board of Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal et al.; leave to file copy of bill as of March 4, 1871; solicitors enter appearance for various defendants. 262—death of Jane Davis suggested, and Mary McIntosh substituted. 722—Cynthia v. Albert Bawson; cause set for hearing next Friday. (*Farwell, J.*)—15—Lathrop v. Sherman et al.; set for hearing first Thursday of February.

THE SUPERIOR COURT—(*Gary, J.*)—873—Powers v. Powers; Leary withdraws appearance for defendant. 1,028—Elder v. North Side Planing Company; appearance by solicitors for the defendant planing mill. O. A. Reno & Jacob H. Little; and time to plead, etc., extended till 20th instant. 39—White v. Peterson; motion to set aside master's report denied, and exceptions. 1,033—Polzen v. Jacobs; reference to Magruder. 1,091—Dyer v. Dyer; default. 1,189—Munson v. Princeton Loan and Trust Company et al.; dismissed by complainant without prejudice.

COMMON LAW.

THE CIRCUIT COURT—(*Rogers, J.*)—1,809—Robinson v. Servis; defendant to give $250 security in 5 days. 1869—Richman v. McNair; defendant to rejoin to replication to first special plea in 5 days. 1,012—Fredericks v. Everhart; portions of depositions stricken out. 2,236—Smith v. Youngloye, architectural iron recruiter; defendant to file sufficient bond in 20 days. 164—Morrison v. Queal; defendant to rejoin or demur to replications in 5 days. 2,931—Drake v. Edwards; rule extended 5 days—McAughey, administrator, etc., v. Michigan Central R. R. Co.; case restored; rule on defendant to plead in ten days—People ex rel. Thompson v. Thos. Moore; continued till Saturday next. (*Tree, J.*) 544—Egan v. Armour; motion for new trial overruled, and judgment on verdict, 30 days to file bond and bill of exceptions. 527—Egan v. Ames; leave to withdraw demurrer, and 5 days to plead. 41—Meyer v. Aurora Insurance; judgment on verdict, $2,068.59. 1,035—Greene v. Reynolds; leave to file additional bond extended till Tuesday. 3,355—Fitzsimmons v. Maher; dismissed by plaintiff.

THE SUPERIOR COURT—(*Porter, J.*)—2,256—Harter v. Hay; verdict ($950); motion for new trial. 2,173—Lebrecht v. Congdon; motion for new trial denied, and exceptions. 2,988—Sargent v. Republic Insurance Company; assignee of defendant to proceed in his own name. 38,196—Wm. Hall v. same; same. 3,611—Cook v. Brown; motion to set aside judgment denied. 3,836—Hirsh v. Loomis; demurrer to plea of set-off overruled; plaintiff to file bond of $600 in ten days. 1,052—Wallace v. Wallace; new trial denied. 201—Wirts v. Scofield; leave to make M. Swingster (?) party defendant; leave to Scofield to file pleas by first Monday of February. 3,109—Sellman v. Illinois Mutual Insurance Company; motion for strike second plea from files sustained; rule on plaintiff to file copy sued on in five days. 3,122—Potter v. Great Insurance Company; proceedings stayed, defendant in bankruptcy. 1,336—Brown v. same; same order. 2,271—Myers v. McLaury; judgment and appeal bond $1,400, and bill of exceptions in 20 days. 3,995—Rothbarth v. Schnell; default of Schnell as surety. 3,983—Wm. M. Johnson v. same. 8,506—Mason v. Gard; demurrer to first count of narr overruled, and leave to defendant to plead in 5 days. 3,271—Crawford v. Winston; plaintiff confesses plea in abatement, and leave to amend narr and summons. 41,860—Rasprowicz v. Jacob; motion to set aside judgment continued. 1,967—McCarty v. Murphy; judgment, $5,655; appeal and exceptions in 20 days. Thatcher v. Stolle; cause stricken from docket. 3,960—O'Mora v. Gilson; verdict for defendant. 3,568—Campbell v. Chase; leave to amend petition instanter. 3,233—Holmes v. Meachem; dismissed by plaintiff. 1,939—Stettauer v. Bell; same.

BANKRUPTCY.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—(*Blodgett, J.*)—2,117—George R. Stearns; injunction restraining sale of stock by auction. 2,174—Israel S. Bogardus; order of reference to D. Gookins. 1,315—Double 1315, and issued warrant. 2,152—H. E. Hubbard; leave to assignee to sell stock for a lump sum.

ARRAIGNMENTS.

THE CRIMINAL COURT—(*Rogers, J.*)—Fifty-seven prisoners were tried; eighteen plead guilty, and were sentenced to various terms at Joliet and in the County Jail. George A. Everett plead not guilty. The trial of Mrs. Boyce was set for the 22d. Bill Wray will be tried on Thursday; Rainford & Fuller on Monday.

NEW SUITS.

THE CIRCUIT COURT—5,463—Cogswell & Co. v. John Ruben; assumpsit, $1,000. 5,464—The Palmer Palace Car Company v. Thomas Dunn and Julian S. Ramsey; injunction to restrain the collection of taxes. 5,465—Wm. F. Tate v. Johanna Berthauer and George M. Barber; mechanic's lien on the west three-fifths of Lots 3 and 4, and the east two-fifths of Lot 5, in Wolfrom's Subdivision of Out-lot 8, Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the ½ of Section 29, Township 40. 5,466—Chester D. Hooker v. J. J. C. Gillespie; assumpsit, $800. 5,468—Ell S. Prescott v. Board of Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal et al.; substituted bill. 5,469—Emery R. Gard v. Adolph Holmkig and Charles Wegner; assumpsit, $3,000. 5,470—Anna C. Schmidt v. Jacob Schmidt and the German Savings Bank; bill for separate maintenance and injunction restraining the withdrawal of moneys by the defendant Schimdt from the defendant's bank. 5,471—Palmer & Hickey v. T. Sanderson; assumpsit, $600. 5,472 to 5,477 inclusive—Appeals. 5,478—John A. Moody v. Albert H. Bodman; petition to restore judgment. 5,479—Ernst Hendorf v. City of Chicago; case $2,000. 5,480—Ernst Boehm v. Dennis Sweney; case $5,000. 5,481—Peter Vercesse v. City of Chicago; case $400. 5,422 to 5,429 inclusive—Appeals. 5,430—John P. Dickey & Adam L. Amberg v. Thos. Mackin; assumpsit $3,000. 5,431—The Shoe and Leather National Bank v. F. A. Weage, Charles B. Kirtland, and George W. Ordway; assumpsit; $20,000. 5,432—Chas. G. Lowery and John C. Boddy v. Andrew Burton, A. P. Burton, and S. P. Longstreet; attachment. 5,433—Theodore Cameron v. Frank W. Wentworth; replevin. 5,434—John C. Moore v. Thomas C. Thurston; petition to confirm title. 5,435—Thomas Thatcher, administratrix of David C. Thatcher, deceased, v. Harriet Steele and Theodore B. Botsford; restored record. 41,881—Parnell Munson v. Princeton Loan and Trust Company, and George Sewell, defendants; bill of review. 41,882—John McNeil v. J. A. Duffy; confession of judgment on a note of $338. 41,883—Moses Strang and John Sawyer v. Jacob W. Schloss, Imagina Blumenthal, and Frederick Blumenthal; attached. 41,884—Wood v. Foreman; appeal. 41,885—D. Kreigh & Co. v. J. Brooks Johnson & Co.; attachment.

A "FARMERS' CANDIDATE."

ROCK FALLS, Ill., Jan. 1, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I see mentioned in your issue of yesterday, the name of "Mr. Buel, of Plainfield, Will County," as among the candidates for appointment on the Railroad and Warehouse Commission; and he is further spoken of as being a "farmers' candidate." I wish to say that C. C. Buell, Esq., a farmer of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, has been recommended by a meeting of delegates representing nearly fifty farmers' organizations, and is emphatically a "farmers' candidate." Probably the mention as made in your paper is a mistake as to the residence; and, if so, you will oblige the friends of Mr. Buell by a correction of the same. Yours truly,

A. GOLDEN.

THE MADISON STREET BRIDGE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Would you allow an old subscriber to recommend, through your influential columns, to the Board of Public Works, the widening of the passage-way for pedestrians on Madison Street Bridge, the most frequented thoroughfare of Chicago. This passage-way for pedestrians is so narrow that scarcely two persons can give way for each other when passing along, and the present time would be the most appropriate for making this improvement, when bridges are shut. The public would be under great obligations if the Board of Public Works would take this matter in their hands before the spring sets in.

M. H.

Chicago, Jan. 4, 1873.

—A Wisconsin woman is known who, when she discovers a burglar beneath her bed, does not yell, but kneels and prays for him. This has worked well on one occasion, but her husband has purchased a horse-pistol that carries a ball as large as a dough-nut, and says "get the drop on him, next time, before you do anything else."

—The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi by Joliet and Marquette has been resolved on, to take place near Prairie du Chien, on the 17th and 18th of June next, and an invitation extended to John G. Shea, LL. D., of New York, historian of New France, to deliver the commemorative address.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Railroad Building in the United States in 1872.

Nearly Eight Thousand Miles Constructed During the Year—Valuable Statistics.

Notwithstanding the sore financial embarrassments which have prevailed during the year just passed, railway construction has been on the increase. This fact seems the more remarkable when we consider how intimately connected are money and railway building, and if the figures were not presented many sane men might very reasonably doubt the statement we have made. But, while we propose to give the figures concerning this matter, we shall also rely for proof upon the railway articles which have appeared almost daily in THE TRIBUNE during the past year, containing accounts of the beginnings, finishings, openings, and extensions of railroads in the West. If our readers will recall how many of these articles we have published they will not doubt that railway construction in 1872 has been carried on with even greater activity during the past year than any previous years. The following valuable statistics from the Chicago *Railway Review* of last week, upon railway construction in 1872, tabulates much of the information which has appeared in THE TRIBUNE during the year just past. Notwithstanding the financial embarrassments of the past two years, the vastly increased ratio of progress shown in 1870 over the average of the previous years has been more than maintained. The number of miles added during 1872, and each of preceding five years, has been:

1867	2,297	1870	6,145
1868	3,039	1871	7,453
1869	4,999	1872	7,926

The number of miles of road actually under construction (in addition to that of bed on which track was laid) is given as 6,742. This figure falls materially below the actual amount. In the table below is given the results of construction in thirty-five States and Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Progress was made on 353 roads; 7,925 miles of road were fully completed, and on 6,742 the preparation for the track was in advanced progress; in fine, work was done on 14,667 miles of road. The aggregates for each State are herewith given:

STATES.	No. of roads.	Miles of road completed.	Miles of road under construction.	Total miles on completed roads.
Alabama	6	227	78	266
Arkansas	3	177	144	316
California	5	260	300	550
Canada	9	447	228	675
Colorado	3	104	213	317
Connecticut	3	83	...	83
Dakota	2	49	16	65
Florida	1	8¼	...	8¼
Georgia	3	40	96	136
Illinois	29	907¼	584	1,491¼
Indiana	11	290	104	394
Iowa	21	585	328	913
Kansas	9	511	262	773
Kentucky	7	130	353	483
Louisiana	1	...	106	106
Maine	3	42	...	42
Massachusetts	9	72	93	165
Maryland	11	268	150	418
Michigan	19	300	325	625
Minnesota	7	712	230	942
Mississippi	3	3	170	173
Missouri	18	332	252	584
New Hampshire	8	90	72½	162½
New Jersey	6	69¾	10	79¾
New York	32	741¾	597	1,338¾
North Carolina	3	225	216	441
Ohio	20	391¾	363	754¾
Oregon	2	88	50	138
Pennsylvania	35	947¾	384¾	1,332½
Tennessee	7	60	204	264
Texas	5	369	268	637
Utah	2	73	50	123
Vermont	4	32	88	120
Virginia	9	205	226	431
Wisconsin	15	855	343	997
Total	353	7,925	6,742	14,667

The following tables show the number of miles finished and under construction, with the names of the roads, in Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin:

INDIANA.

Roads.	Miles under construction.	No. miles finished.
Chicago, Danville & Vincennes	...	60
Fountain County Branch	...	30
Cincinnati & Terre Haute	45	30
Cincinnati, Wabash & Western	...	7
Crawfordsville, Kokomo & Toledo	...	...
Detroit, Eel River & Illinois	33	...
Lafayette, Muncie & Bloomington	45	...
Lafayette & St. Anne	55	...
Louisville, Crawfordsville & S. W.	35	...
Louisville, New Albany & St. L. Air L.	47	10
Terre Haute & Southwestern	...	...
Toledo, Thornton & St. Louis	15	...
Total	104	290

ILLINOIS.

Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minn.	...	...
Milwaukee Branch	...	33
Vinton Branch	...	34
Muscatine & Western Branch	...	30
Burlington & Missouri River	...	...
Creston Branch	...	44
Charlton Branch	...	8
Burlington & South western	...	115
Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque	...	49
Chicago & Northwestern	...	...
Dubuque & Sioux City	33	...
Dubuque & Sioux City Ex.	...	8
Chicago, Omaha & St. Joseph	50	...
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	...	...
Quarney Branch	...	29
Des Moines, Winterset & Southw'rn	...	26
Davenport & St. Paul	...	51
Iowa Central	13	...
Iowa Eastern (narrow gauge)	...	20
Iowa Pacific	136	...
McGregor & Elkader	20	...
Mississippi Valley & Western	70	...
Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska	25	47
Muscatine & Iowa	15	30
Sabula, Ackley & Dakota	...	63
Total	320	585

KANSAS.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	...	360
Carbondale (S. W.) of Kansas	...	28
Fort Scott, Humboldt & Western	45	...
Kansas Central (Narrow gauge)	...	60
Kansas Pacific	47	...
Fort Kearney Branch	54	...
Carson & Fort Lyon Branch	54	...
Lawrence & Topeka	18	...
Memphis, Carthage & Northwestern	45	...
St. Jo & Denver City	56	73
Total	269	511

ILLINOIS.

Belleville & O'Fallon	...	6
Cairo & St. Louis	128	37
Cairo & Vincennes	...	160
Carbondale & Shawnestown	16¼	...
Chicago & Illinois Southern	100	...
Chicago & Pacific	17	15
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	...	67
Chicago, Danville & Vincennes	...	49
Chicago, Decatur & St. Louis	60	...
Chicago, Wellington & Western	...	...
Chicago & Paducah	...	51
Chicago, Pekin & Southwestern	...	62
Danville & Paxton	30	11¼
East St. Louis, Cahokia & Fall's Spring.	...	45
Indiana & Illinois Central	45	78
Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western	38	30
Jacksonville, N. W. & S. E.	18	86
Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi	...	25
Louisville, New Albany & St. L. Air Line	29	38
Paris & Danville	...	47
Paris & Decatur	...	...
Peoria & Springfield	23	35
Peoria, Atlanta & Decatur	35	...
St. Louis & Southeastern	...	88
Springfield & Illinois Southeastern	...	41
Springfield & Northwestern	...	...
Springfield & St. Louis	45	...
Toledo & St. Louis Air Line	...	...
Total	564	837½

WISCONSIN.

Appleton & New London	...	41
Chicago & Northwestern	...	...
Escanaba Extension	...	65
Marshfield Air Line	23	39
Chicago & Northern Pacific	...	...
Chicago & Superior	20	...
Galena & Southern Wis. (narrow gauge)	19	...
Green Bay & Lake Depin	25	56
Milwaukee & Fond du Lac	83	10
Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western	67	22
Milwaukee & Northern	...	79
Milwaukee & St. Paul	...	...
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	...	85
Sheboygan & Fond du Lac	...	36
Wisconsin Central	...	101
Wisconsin Valley	45	...
Total	242	533

Ballooning.

Professor John Wise, the well-known aeronaut, has in contemplation to make a balloon trip across the Atlantic next summer, preparations for the great aërial voyage being in process of arrangement now. The Professor, it will be remembered, made the famous air trip from St. Louis to the eastern extremity of Ontario, a distance of over 1,200 miles, in a short space of about nineteen hours, or at the rate of about sixty-three miles an hour. He feels entirely confident of his ability to make the quickest trip on record across the Atlantic. Quite a number of scientific gentlemen have made application for permission to accompany him in this greatest of all ballooning exp

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

AIKEN'S THEATRE—Wabash avenue, corner of Congress street. Engagement of Joseph Proctor. "The Red Pocket-Book."

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, south of Madison. The Seguin English Opera Troupe. "Martha."

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. New Comedy Company. "Babes in the Woods."

MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe. "The Red Pocket-Book." "Wanted: A Nurse." "Peter Piper."

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The Chicago Tribune.

Monday Morning, January 6, 1873.

Mr. Froude sailed, on Saturday, for England.

There was an earthquake at Columbus, Ohio, Saturday night.

In compliance with the new Internal Revenue law 800 Assistant Assessors were dismissed last month. Eleven hundred remain, but all will be out of the service by July 1.

Louis Napoleon submitted, last Thursday, to a painful, but successful surgical operation for the gravel. He is believed to be in no danger, as no bad symptoms have followed.

The Committee of Ways and Means have determined to report in favor of the bill to free United States Treasurer Spinner from refunding the amounts embezzled by his subordinates, Seth Johnson, Warden, and others, for which he is legally responsible.

Boston had sixty deaths last week from smallpox, which is at work along the northeastern coast as far as Nova Scotia. This mortality in Boston is to be attributed largely, no doubt, to the burning of the City Pest House, which drove several hundred patients out of their quarters into the street during the recent cold snap.

The Illinois Legislature meets on Wednesday, and within the next twenty days there will be thirty State Legislatures in session—all the States of the Union except New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, California, and Oregon. As Congress will be in session also, the newspapers will be gorged for some time with the sayings and doings of the "law-making power."

The discussion which is reported from England concerning American annexation of the Sandwich Islands is very absurd. Filibustering expeditions, which seem to constitute a source of apprehension in this case, are no longer practicable in America; or, at least, are not more likely to be attempted in the United States than in the Kingdom of Great Britain or the German Empire. As to a Government purchase, the history of the San Domingo negotiations should teach England that extension of territory, and the colonization of distant islands, are not just now any part of American policy.

The St. Louis *Globe* concedes that, in a commercial aspect, St. Louis appears at a disadvantage by the side of Chicago on the summing up of last year's business. It contends, however, that in manufactures St. Louis is far in advance of Chicago. The *Globe's* article (which we reprint) is a pretty fair generalization of the relative exhibits of the two cities. The annual record of Chicago was published on the anniversary of the fire, embracing the year ending Oct. 9, 1872. The record for the calendar year, ending Jan. 1, prepared by the Secretary of the Board of Trade, has not yet been printed.

The New York *Times* says: "There is in the Republican party, as there has always been in all parties, a few men who imagine themselves the entire organization, and it is these men who are dangerous at such a time as this. Some of them may not be corrupt, but they are the victims of corrupt men, and are deluded with the idea that the way to party success in the future is to seize every possible office for the present benefit of party hacks. This was the creed of the Tammany ring, and any party which adopts it must certainly soon resort to practices as corrupt, and in the end meet with a fate as ignominious." This "shirt of Nemesis" is supposed to fit Senator Conkling.

The citizens of New Orleans are summoned, by resolutions passed Saturday night by the Committee of 200, and by numerous other assemblies of merchants, of Democrats, of Liberals, and of Independents, to close their places of business to-day and meet in Lafayette Square, to express their determination that the Legislature and the Executive they lawfully elected shall be installed. Pinchback has been officially notified that the United States troops will be held ready to preserve the peace. The Attorney General of the State has telegraphed Attorney General Williams that the Fusionist Legislature will meet to-day peaceably merely to preserve their organization, and he deprecates any support by the Federal authorities for Pinchback in his avowed purpose of preventing the session by force if need be.

The Chicago produce markets were again quiet on Saturday, and generally steady. Mess pork was very quiet at 10c advance, at $11.40@11.50 cash, and $11.80@11.85 seller March. Lard was in good demand, and 5c per 100 lbs higher, at $7.00@7.05 cash, and $7.25 seller March. Meats were quiet, but a shade firmer, at 3½c for shoulders, 5¼c for short ribs, 5¾c for short clear, and 7¾@7¾c for green hams. Dressed hogs were more active, and firmer, but closed dull at $4.32½@4.35 ₱ 100 lbs. Highwines were reported steady at 89c ₱ gallon. Flour was active, and firm. Wheat was active and firm at ½c decline, closing at $1.21¼ cash, and $1.28¾ seller February. Corn was very quiet, and steady at 30¾@30¾c cash, and 31¼@31¾c seller February. Oats were quiet and steady at 24½@24¾c cash, and 25@25½c seller February. Rye was dull and ¼@1c lower, closing at 65½c. Barley was quiet and unchanged, closing at 64½c for No. 2, and 52@52½c for No. 3. Live hogs were active, and 5c per 100 lbs higher, at $3.80@3.90. Cattle were dull and steady.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle and Sentinel*, replying to an article in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, says that the State of Georgia cannot be justly accused of repudiating, or intending to repudiate, any portion of the legitimate State debt, and explains the circumstances which had brought about a misapprehension on this subject in certain quarters, as follows: A large increase of the State debt was made during Bullock's administration, and when he had a Legislature ready to do his bidding. After he had fled from the State, the Legislature appointed a Committee to investigate the issue of these bonds. After several months of patient investigation, it was found that bonds in aid of railroad schemes had been indorsed by Bullock in direct violation of the Constitution and the statute, and that they were issued to those who knew their illegality and who were, consequently, parties to the fraud. These bonds the State of Georgia does not propose to redeem. "The State simply declined," says the *Chronicle and Sentinel*, "to pay a debt which she had not contracted, just as a business man comes into Court and pleads *non est factum* to a spurious note." The same journal adds that "so long as the affairs of Georgia are managed by her children, no dishonor nor disgrace will come to the State."

While a number of eminent gentlemen and influential newspapers are discussing means for doing away with the Electoral College as a part of the machinery of our Presidential elections, a Mr. Clark of Oswego, comes forward with the suggestion that this system should not only not be abolished in Presidential elections, but should be applied to all other elections,—State, district, county, and town. It would be useless to examine the details of Mr. Clark's plan, even if they were available. We have already the Electoral College system in our caucuses and conventions. The same general idea prevails in both,—that of allowing a select number of persons to designate who shall have the offices. We do not know that the caucuses or conventions would be any more powerful if they were chosen to elect the officers, than they are now in being chosen to nominate them. As it is, the people have at least the benefit of one struggle after the caucuses and conventions have decided on their candidates. If these conventions were to become Electoral Colleges, the difference would simply be that their action would be final and unalterable. The people do sometimes succeed in having their own way, in spite of primaries, caucuses, and conventions, in the present order of things, and they are entitled to the remedy that these occasional successes give them.

The immense meeting of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of San Francisco, on Saturday evening, in which the Governor, the Mayor of the city, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce participated, to protest against the passage of the Goat Island bill, is an admonition which Congress will do well to heed. The numbers and character of this meeting show that there is no change in the sentiment of San Francisco or of the State of California concerning the effort of the Central Pacific Road to make another grab at public property. This Company has already taken twenty-eight millions out of the public Treasury, and, as Governor Booth says: "It already holds, or controls, two hundred acres of Mission Bay, almost the entire Oakland front, Alameda Point Landing, Vallejo, almost the exclusive control of the landings at Sacramento and Stockton, and enjoys a practical monopoly of the steam navigation to all these places." There is nothing to show that the use of the Island is a public necessity, and there is no reason to be found in the business or earnings of the road why it should have it. It is simply another effort on the part of the Company to build up a gigantic monopoly on the Pacific Slope, against which the people have unanimously risen in remonstrance.

The current number of the *Chicago Railway Review* contains an interesting tabular statement of the results of railroad construction in the United States and Canada for the year 1872, from which we obtain the following statistics: The number of miles of road fully completed was 7,925, and on 6,742 the preparation for track was in advanced progress. In the aggregate, work was done on 14,667 miles of road. The aggregates of miles completed in the West during the year are as follows: Colorado, 104; Illinois, 837¾; Indiana, 200; Iowa, 585; Kansas, 511; Michigan, 300; Minnesota, 712; Missouri, 332; Nebraska, 218; Wisconsin, 555; Ohio, 391¾. The detailed statement for Illinois shows that work was done on 17 roads, on which the following number of miles was completed: Belleville & O'Fallon, 6; Cairo & St. Louis, 27; Cairo & Vincennes, 160; Chicago & Pacific, 15; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 67; Chicago, Danville & Vincennes, 40; Chicago & Paducah, 51; Chicago, Pekin & Southwestern, 63; East St. Louis, Cahokia & Falling Springs, 11¾; Indiana & Illinois Central, 40; Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western, 75; Jacksonville, N. W. & S. E., 30; Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi, 85; Louisville, New Albany & St. Louis Air Line, 25; Paris & Danville, 36; Paris & Decatur 47; Peoria, Atlanta & Decatur, 35; Springfield & Illinois Southeastern, 33; Springfield & North western, 41. Total, 837¾.

We thought that we had enjoyed all possible explanations of General Grant's re-election to the Presidency. We have been told that North Carolina and Maine did it; also, that Pennsylvania and Ohio were the moving causes. We have heard that General Grant would have been defeated if the Democratic party had made a straight nomination; also, that he would have been defeated if Mr. Adams or Judge Davis had been nominated at Cincinnati instead of Mr. Greeley. We have never heard it stated that General Grant was re-elected because he received a majority of the votes actually cast. But Utah deigns to enlighten us through the Rev. Orson Hyde, a prophet of the Mormon Church. The Rev. Hyde's utterances, like those of most prophets, are obscure; but, as nearly as we can interpret him, he ranks General Grant's re-election with the devastating fires of the time ("with balls of fire sometimes seen to fly through the atmosphere"), the storms that spread devastation on sea and land, and the wasting epidemics upon man and beast. These things, including General Grant's re-election, ought, says the Rev. Hyde, "to whisper in the ears of the rulers of this world as effective a warning as were the plagues of Egypt in the days of Pharaoh and his servants, that it is the year of the Lord's vengeance for the controversy of Zion." We are not among those who feasted and rejoiced at General Grant's triumph, but we had no idea that it was so bad as this. It is very sad.

The Boston *Traveller* charges that "Notwithstanding the denial of Mr. Dawes, he did purchase Credit Mobilier stock at a nominal rather than its real value, and that he received a dividend upon it. This neither Mr. Dawes nor any well-informed friend of his will deny. And we further charge, and the *Congressional Globe* will show, that Mr. Dawes voted for all the schemes by which the Union Pacific Railroad swindled the Government." A private letter to the Springfield *Republican* says that, when Oakes Ames was summoned before the Committee, Mr. Dawes told him "to tell the whole story about him." From this it would appear that Mr. Dawes himself did not tell the whole story in the letter which he wrote during the campaign. And yet we apprehend that Mr. Dawes was not so guilty as the *Traveller* would make him out to be. It is conceivable that Mr. Dawes should have published (or allowed to be published), a card intended to be taken as a denial that he ever had any Credit Mobilier stock. This certainly has a bad look. But, while it is clear that he ought not to have touched it, it is inconceivable to those who know him that his votes as a Congressman should have been governed by the ownership of such stock, even if he had it. The misfortune in his case, as in that of some others, is that, when they opened their mouths, they did not tell the whole truth about it. And the greatest misfortune of all is that the exposure inevitably diminishes the influence of such men as Mr. Dawes, who occupied positions in the Republican party enabling them to demand important measures of reform needed by the whole country, and who possessed sufficient courage (the exigences of the campaign being over) to make the demand.

THE CONVICTION OF STOKES.

The conviction of Stokes, the murderer of Fisk, is one of the most hopeful signs of the times, and shows that public sentiment in New York is rapidly crystallizing into a determination to check the prevailing torrent of crime by the punishment of the guilty. The expectation of Stokes and his counsel, that the law's delays and the lapse of time would weary the community, gradually dim the recollection of this murder, and abate the popular excitement, has not been fulfilled. The sentiment of the community has changed, and changed radically, but it has grown to be adverse to murderers, for it is undeniable that at the time of this murder there was a certain degree of compassion for Stokes. He was looked upon as one who had delivered society from a dangerous enemy. There was nothing in the life of James Fisk, Jr., to commend him to commiseration, and there was no expression of regret, either public or private, over his taking off, except among his immediate satellites, who only lacked the opportunities to lead the same reckless, unprincipled life. Fisk was a conspicuous social pest. He had no moral perceptions. Young men, dazzled by the superficial brilliancy of his career, and his seeming omnipotence in using individuals, courts, corporations, and even political bodies, to carry out his designs, forsook the old-fashioned ways of honesty and legitimate dealing, and sought to accumulate fortunes by strategy and reckless assurance. The respectable members of the community had no sympathy with him, as he was a gambler, a consorter with harlots, and morally rotten from head to foot. The mercantile community were relieved when his power for mischief was over; for his desperate schemes to enrich himself; his control of a corrupt Judiciary, and his utter defiance of all rules of mercantile honor, more or less affected all interests and brought scandal upon the entire system of business in New York. When Fisk fell, there was a universal sigh of relief. It was looked upon as a providential dispensation, which had cut this man off in his prime, and just at a time when he was weaving fresh plots, full of danger to that security and confidence which are necessary to the safe and successful transaction of business. If Stokes had been brought to trial immediately after the commission of the murder, the chances are that he would have been acquitted. In the lapse of time which has succeeded, the baneful influences of James Fisk and the exciting incidents of his career have been partially forgotten. Even the woman Mansfield, with her gorgeous surroundings and ill-gotten fineries, but for whom this murder might not have been committed, has well-nigh faded out of memory. The attention of the public has been concentrated upon the facts of the murder, the evidence which has been developed in the two trials, and the legal strategy employed by counsel to effect the escape of Stokes from punishment. There is nothing in the testimony at either trial which relieves Stokes from the fact of having committed a deliberate, cold-blooded, and cowardly murder. It is as clear as the sunlight, from this testimony, that he coolly and with malice prepense planned the murder, went to the hotel with this object in view, met Fisk where he could not escape, and shot him down before he had an opportunity to defend himself, even if he had had the courage to do so, or had been armed. Against all the enormities of Fisk's life and the poetical justice which stopped his baneful career, this brutal and cowardly murder kicks the beam. There is nothing to show that Stokes' life was any better than Fisk's. They had been yoke-fellows in crime, partners in disreputable business transactions, enjoyed together the fruits of corruption; and the same shameless woman, whose possession they coveted, but whom they could not share in common, brought one of them to death and the other to a felon's cell. There is no way for Stokes to expiate such a crime except upon the gallows, and justice will not be vindicated until he meets with the summary penalty of the law, and the woman Mansfield comes to the gutter. Any other issue of this story of blood would not be impartial. The escape of Stokes would excuse Simmons, the policy-dealer and lottery adventurer, for the murder of Duryea, who was engaged in the same disreputable business, and would furnish every adventurer and gambler with a pretext for the murder of every other one of his associates, with whom he happened to come into rivalry, simply because they were in the same business, and because the loss of his victim was no loss to society.

The jury in the Stokes case have evidently taken this view of the matter, and have brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The verdict will be a happy surprise, because the public had come to the conclusion that there was not moral courage enough in a New York jury to convict a murderer. The criminal records of the past few years have given the public no encouragement to hope for an impartial administration of justice, nor have they succeeded in creating any other impression than that the brutal and violent classes of New York City had become the predominating element, and were sufficiently powerful to secure immunity for themselves. As numerous exceptions have been taken during this trial, it is not impossible that Stokes may yet secure another trial. Be this as it may, the verdict is none the less a triumph for justice and a signal indication that popular sentiment, so long defied and so long outraged, has at last reached the determination that crime shall be punished. There is now hope that Foster, the car-hook murderer, King, the witness-killer, Simmons, the policy-dealer, whose brutal killing of Duryea is still fresh in the mind of the reader, and the numerous other less prominent, but equally brutal and guilty, murderers in the Tombs, may meet with their just punishment.

THE STATE DEBT OF ILLINOIS.

The accounts of the State of Illinois, as settled to Dec. 1, 1872, show an outstanding indebtedness as follows:

Interest bonds due in 1877	$962,445
Refunded stock, 1876	60,000
Refunded stock, 1877	260,000
War bonds	367,000
Refunding bonds (Chicago)	250,000
Other odds and ends of old debts	46,041

These aggregate $2,060,151, since which time, however, the State has paid $328,705, leaving as the debt due Jan. 3, 1873, $1,731,446. On Dec. 1, 1872, there was in the Treasury, applicable to the State debt, the following sums:

State debt fund	$233,765
Canal redemption fund	454,313
Total	$688,078
Of which has been since expended	298,705
Balance	$389,373

This last sum deducted from the outstanding debt leaves $1,372,073 to be paid from revenue.

The State debt fund was the money collected under the two-mill tax provided for by the Constitution of 1848, which tax was assessed in 1870 for the last time, it having been abolished by the Constitution of 1870. The fund from which interest is paid is derived from a special tax levied for that purpose. In addition to this State debt fund, the State is in receipt of a sum semi-annually from the Illinois Central Railroad. The receipts from the last-mentioned fund for the two years previous to Dec. 1, 1872, were $765,758. During the same two years, there was paid of the outstanding indebtedness of the State the sum of $3,080,596, of which sum $2,040,148 was taken from the State debt fund, and $978,948 from the Illinois Central fund, and $61,500 from the canal revenues. During the two preceding years there had been paid of the State debt about $1,400,000, making an aggregate during the four years' term of Governor Palmer of $4,501,796.

The receipts of the State from the Illinois Central Railroad for 1873, 1874, and 1875, with the cash in the Treasury, will extinguish the whole of the outstanding debt, so, by the 4th of July, 1875, the State of Illinois will be free of debt, and will be controlled by an excellent Constitution, which prohibits the creation of any more debt except by the approval of the popular vote of the State.

The history of the debt of Illinois, if written out in all its details, would be an instructive lesson. It may be traced back to the days of the Territorial Government, when the popular idea was that to make money plenty was to create banks of issue. For a quarter of a century the State struggled to carry on its affairs, to build railroads and canals, improve and bridge "navigable rivers," by borrowing money, by running banks upon credit and without capital, and then the State, unable to meet its obligations, without money, without credit, stopped payment. In the light of the past we, at this day think it easy to point out the mistakes of those who laid the foundations of the debt of the State of Illinois; but we live in another age,—when the whole aspect of things is changed; and we are apt to do injustice to our predecessors. For the first twenty or twenty-five years of the history of Illinois, the seat of population and of political strength in the State was located in the extreme southern counties; Alton and Shawneetown were competing for the distinction of being the metropolis of Illinois. Banks were chartered and located at both places, and perhaps the inspiring cause of the great calamity that overtook us at a later day was due to these soulless and rascally corporations. The Internal Improvement system embraced the construction of a series of railways mainly from the Mississippi to the Ohio River; it also embraced the canal to connect the Illinois River with Lake Michigan. The scheme of railways which was then projected seems to us at this day but a small one—hardly exceeding in the number of miles the railways actually constructed in Illinois in 1871-2. The financiers of that day sought to make money plenty by providing for an issue of bank notes; and they made these notes legal tenders, and it was held that any man who would not take them was, in some way, disloyal to the State. By flooding the State with an irredeemable currency they drove coin from circulation, and, for a long period, coin was as great a curiosity in Illinois as it has been since 1862. The State issued its bonds and sent agents to London to negotiate them; and, at last, when all the bonds had been sold that any person would take at any price, when Auditor's warrants on the Treasury were equally unsalable, and yet were the only form in which the State could collect revenue, and when Canal scrip was as common and about as valueless as the leaves in the forest, the State sunk under the load and took no further care for interest or principal. When the assets were arrayed, there was twenty-two miles of railroad upon which a single track had been laid; there was an unfinished, and, of course, unnavigable canal, and there was some millions of stock in several banks which never had any capital and which had given up the ghost. Thus matters stood for several years. There was a strong but nevertheless quiet party that favored repudiation to the extent of paying only such an amount as the State had actually received in cash; the Legislature, however, while it was weak enough to refuse to levy any taxes to pay the interest on the debt, did not dare to take any such scheme as was proposed. Finally, the holders of the bonds for the construction of the canal offered to advance money enough to complete it if the State would convey the canal to Trustees to expend the money and hold the canal until, from its revenues, the principal of the old and new loans could be paid, and until certain other classes of canal indebtedness were paid. This agreement was made. The State, in the meantime, after an intense struggle got out of the clutches of the banks. It is but just to state that at the time of the Internal Improvement delusion a census of the inhabitants was taken, with a view to distribute money per capita to those counties through which no railroad was run, and it was found that the State contained, all told, only 251,000 persons. During this long night of financial disaster, the State suffered greatly in her material prosperity. Immigration to the State diminished. Private credit was as low as was that of the State. No man in Illinois could borrow money, or purchase goods on credit. The State was considered so completely buried under debt, that emigrants from the East and from Europe drove their wagons across the State into Missouri. Many persons abandoned their settlements and went across the Mississippi River into Iowa. There was a cloud hanging over the State from which all men sought to escape.

Having arranged the canal debt and got rid of the banks, the latter arrangement being largely due to the inflexible honesty of Governor Ford, there was a revival of hope. In 1843 a proposition for a new Constitution was suggested, which eventually resulted in a Convention in 1847. In the Constitution was placed a provision providing that there should be annually levied a tax of two mills, the proceeds of which should be applied to the payment of the principal of the public debt. This provision was submitted separately to the popular vote and was ratified by the people. The credit of the State took a new start; the creditors offered to make terms. The old debt was hunted up and refunded; the long years of unpaid interest were consolidated, and new bonds issued therefor. The floating canal scrip was called in and put in the shape of bonds. The first of the two-mill tax was collected in 1850, and was paid out to the creditors. A separate tax was levied to pay the interest on the whole debt. The canal was completed, and its revenues begun to be applied to that debt. Illinois once more enjoyed an honorable name. Not a dollar of the debt was repudiated; all the back interest was paid with interest. The debt thus refunded and consolidated amounted to a large sum, the exact amount of which we cannot now state. With the renewal of credit there set in a tide of immigration. Then came the Illinois Central Railroad grant, and the almost immediate peopling of one-third of the State where lands had been forty years in the market without a purchaser. Annually, since 1849, the two-mill tax was levied and collected until 1870-71. This fund was often in excess of the current obligations as they fell due. Creditors begun to refuse to present their bonds before maturity. The State gradually aided in the extinguishment of the canal debt, and in 1870 that improvement, free of debt, was surrendered to the State. Now, in 1873, the odds and ends of the State debt do not exceed $1,400,000 in excess of the money in the Treasury; to meet this the State is in the receipt annually of about $400,000 from the Illinois Central Railway, and $75,000 from the canal. The debt, therefore, ceases to be a tax upon the people, and may be considered practically paid.

THE LOUISIANA FACTIONS.

The political troubles in Louisiana, so far from being settled by the Federal interference, only begin to-day in earnest. The old State Government expires, and the new comes in. It is announced from New Orleans that the Kellogg Legislature will meet in the State House, of which Pinchback, the pretended Acting Governor, obtained forcible control, and that the Fusion Legislature will assemble at Lyceum Hall. At the same time comes the text of a pronunciamento issued by Pinchback, in which he claims full executive powers as Acting Governor, and announces his intention of dispersing the Lyceum Hall Assembly by force as an illegal gathering. There are two points to be considered in regard to this pompous manifesto. First, if Pinchback ever had any claim to be the Acting Governor of Louisiana, that claim ceases to-day upon the inauguration of Kellogg, who, as the Pinchback party claims, is the legally-elected Governor. Secondly, Pinchback has never had any legitimate claim upon the Executive authority. He became Acting Governor simply by virtue of his being chosen President of the Senate. But his term of office as Senator having long ago expired, he could not be President of the Senate, and, consequently, could not be Acting Governor. It is difficult to discover, then, what authority Pinchback has to disperse any assemblage, whether legal or illegal; and his issuing a proclamation calculated to incite violence thus becomes an act of mere turbulence. It is fortunate that the Fusion Legislature has indicated no intention of resisting the threatened violence with violence; the report is that it intends to meet simply for the purpose of legally asserting its claims, and then peaceably to abide the definite settlement that shall be hereafter made.

The well-considered action of the Fusion Legislature is probably the result of the report made by the Committee of 200 citizens upon their return from Washington. They say that they received the assurance from President Grant that he does not regard his action in the matter as final; that he would offer no opposition to a thorough investigation by Congress; and that he would not attempt any further interference until Congress should have passed upon the whole case. The President would have been entitled to greater credit if he had taken such a position earlier in the day. It is practically a revocation of his former policy, but it does not replace the condition of things as they were before he disturbed them; it leaves the power in the hands of men who obtained it through the exercise of usurped authority expressly forbidden by Constitution. It is inconsistent, too, in referring to Congress the question whether it is the duty of the Executive to sustain the Federal Judiciary in interfering with State elections. Nevertheless, we shall be thankful if the result proves that the Louisiana Committee have correctly reported the President's intentions.

There is no longer any doubt that this Committee was composed of the best men in Louisiana,—representing its commercial interests, the political sentiment of the people as opposed to that of the carpet-baggers, and the best business and social interests of the State. Mr. McEnery, who was elected Governor, is equally a representative man. He is a Louisianian by birth, reared among the people of the State, and identified with its prosperity. It is now time that Warmoth should be dropped out of consideration in determining the merits of the dispute. Warmoth ceases to be Governor to-day. His personality, whether decent or indecent, should have no further influence in deciding the question. It is not Warmoth *vs.* Kellogg, but McEnery *vs.* Kellogg,—the People of Louisiana *vs.* the foreign office-holding element that obtained a supremacy during the days of political disfranchisement McEnery, on his side, has every claim to the Governor's Chair which a majority of the people, and a count of the votes according to law, could give any man. Kellogg owes his declared election, at the best, to affidavits of men who didn't vote; to the count of a Returning Board arbitrarily organized; to the interference of the United States Government without invitation from the Legislature or Executive of State; and to the support of a *de facto* Acting Governor, who was a mere private citizen at the time he assumed the office, and who has held that office under the protection of Federal troops. It is between these two men, representing respectively the principles of local State Government and Federal usurpation, and not between Warmoth and Pinchback, that the contest now lies.

The alleged discovery of Troy by Dr. Schliemann is already beginning to be doubted. One writer has great admiration for the Doctor, but scouts at the very existence of Troy, and claims that no great stone-built city of that age—900 B. C.—could have so completely vanished from the earth that the early Greek historians could not find a trace of it or of the particular people called Trojans. He does not doubt that Dr. Schliemann has found the ruins of some city, but he does doubt the very existence of the Homeric City, and claims that the word "kTroy" is simply a generic name for the ancient "Cave-temple," the same as the Dura of the Euphrates, the Tars of Meath, the Davira of Loch Foyle, the Derg of Ormond, and the Dairs of the Mikado of Japan. This writer further says:

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Another writer brings forward testimony from Homer himself to prove that Dr. Schliemann has made a topographical mistake in the location of Troy, and claims that the testimony of the Iliad absolutely fixes the location of Troy on the hill behind the village of Bunabarshi, at the very head of the plain. He refers the discovery made by Dr. Schliemann to some of the descendants of Æneas, who remained in the country after the Trojan war, and chose the site of Novum Ilium for their new city.

NOTES AND OPINION.

Congress meets to-day, after the recess begun Dec. 20.

—The Legislatures of Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Nevada meet to-day.

—The Legislatures of Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Florida meet to-morrow.

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—Next week, the Legislatures of Iowa, Kansas, Texas, New Jersey, Rhode Island, North Carolina, and Alabama are to be convened, in regular or adjourned sessions; and the Mississippi Legislature meets on the 20th. There will then be thirty State Legislatures, and Congress, in session.

—The Democrats of New Hampshire will rally under their old name, and around their old standard, for the election in March. Their State and Congressional nominations will be made this week.

—The Springfield *Republican* expects the re-election to Congress of Messrs. Hawley, Kellogg, and Starkweather, Republicans, and Mr. Barnum, Democrat, at the Connecticut election in April.

—The Missouri Senate decides that Louis Gottschalk, President of the last Senate, and *ex-officio* Lieutenant Governor since the death of Mr. Gravelly, has no official place in the new Legislature, of which he is not a member. In Indiana, Mr. Cravens was President of the Senate, and *ex-officio* Lieutenant Governor *vice* Cumback, resigned; but, when the new Legislature, (of which he was not a member), met in special session, two months ago, Mr. Cravens did not claim any rights therein, and was not thought of as having any. Mr. Gottschalk doubtless considered that subsequent occurrences in Louisiana established a precedent in his favor; for, in Louisiana, upon a title exactly like his own, Pinchback was recognized as succeeding to the Governorship.

—In Maine, the thirty Republican Senators decide that the supposed tie vote in Somerset County was a "clerical mistake," and give the odd seat to Sullivan Lathrop, Liberal.

—The demand in Connecticut for a Constitutional Convention assumes, this year, a form as new as it is threatening to the power of the small towns; and the meaning of it is, that, if a convention cannot be called in the prescribed way (i. e., by two-thirds vote of the Legislature), it will be called by a majority, and convened as early as June. The petitions are being signed in all the larger towns by the influential men of both parties, and it is contemplated to put the demand for such convention into both party platforms for the spring campaign. The time has come when population, and not decaying hill towns, must be represented in the State Legislature.

—At present, no matters of great public concern are foreshadowed for the consideration of the Wisconsin Legislature. The renewal of the St. Croix Land Grant promises to elicit more interest than anything else.

—"Brother" Harlan notifies the Teton Sioux that there is an unexpended $190,000 of the $500,000 which "Brother" Logan had, last summer, to divide among them. Now, the Tetons will want to know why was not the $190,000 divided? One Chicago Teton has put in his sue for $600.

—It has been the boastful pride of Iowa, as a Republican State, that her taxes were small and her debt nothing. But the Burlington *Gazette* says:

Iowa pays interest upon near half a million dollars. Besides this, her warrants are beginning to be hawked about the State. And, on top of this, her State Treasurer has proved to be a defaulter to the tune of between thirty and fifty thousand. She is running in the channel of all Radicalism.

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The editor of the Manchester (Iowa) *Press*, remembering that Harlan was once Secretary of the Interior, and is now Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, says:

It is quite possible that the $300,000 mentioned as Teton Sioux money has been stolen. The history of the dealings of Indian Agents, and the frontiersmen generally, with the Indian tribes, has been one of fraud and plunder. The Agents commenced robbing the Indians whose interests they were sent to protect; it would not be strange if they ended by robbing the Government.

—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will take up Senator Caldwell's case on the 10th of January. Citizens of Kansas just from Washington say that the result of the investigation will be that "Caldwell will be found as innocent and pure as a new-born babe."—*Leavenworth Times.*

—The Republican membership in the Pennsylvania Legislature is quoted at from $10,000 to $20,000, cash value, for a single transaction. Simon Cameron is a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate.

—The favorite theory of the opponents of the Administration policy is, that the Government has nothing to do with "corners" in gold or wheat, although there is not a great commercial country in the world where the Government can, by any possibility, refuse to take measures for popular

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Edward Stokes has been convicted by a New York jury, of the murder of Jim Fisk, the second trial of the case. The playwrights only follow the natural course of human events when their mimic dramas close with a final disposition of characters and the curtain falls upon Vice punished and Virtue rewarded. But never was dramatist so venturesome and daring in his imaginings as to group such sharp, short, and rapid catastrophes as have overtaken the actors in the late great New York drama of associated scoundrelism and crime. But a few months ago they all bore themselves bravely before the footlights and went through their parts in the face of an audience, over whom swept all the emotions from startled admiration to indignant tremor and grave alarm. We have never wondered that the attempt of the minor theatres to bring out a counterfeit presentment of this drama of Tweed and Fisk upon their boards, was an utter failure. It needed no less than the actual theatre of a great city and all that made up its adjuncts of natural greatness to supply the field, properties, and background for the combination troupe that are instantly recalled when the names of Stokes and Fisk are revived. Tweed as the heavy villain; Hall, Connolly, and the rest, his tools; Fisk as a dashing sleight-of-hand; and, associated with these, working out the purpose of the plot more than the usual stage army of reckless men and abandoned women, to fill up the wings and serve as a chorus. At one time, not many months ago, it seemed as if all the old true precepts of "Be virtuous and you will be happy," "Honesty is the best policy," "A poor beginning makes a bad ending," had been abrogated, and that unblushing vice and open rascality were quite as safe, after all, so that the unblushing and open features were closely observed. Tweed and his followers rifled the money-chest of New York. Jim Fisk and his accomplices were plucking a stolen railroad. Each apparently held the courts in their leashes, and the best legal talent of New York at their command.

It was a High Carnival of unmasked crime, and seemed unassailable throughout some of the earlier acts. And then that vengeance the ancients pictured as Nemesis began to appear in the plot. The fall of the Tammany Ring is one of the memorable events of the local history of New York. The complete discomfiture and flight of the banded accomplices, the reaching out of justice on this side and that that none should escape, the degradation from his high office of the infamous Judge Barnard, the death of McCunn, are all historical. And early and swift with this meting out of retribution came the fate of Fisk, from a quarter so unexpected, in an end so strange and startling that the most skeptical observer instinctively recognizes, if he does not openly confess, a Higher than human hand guiding the bolt of vengeance.

On Saturday afternoon, the 6th of January, 1872, the writer was standing in the office of the Grand Central Hotel, on Broadway, when a pistol shot was heard, so located as to render it uncertain whether it was within or without the house. Almost instantly a man of genteel figure ran down stairs, dropped a hurried remark to a hall-boy, "A man is shot up stairs, better see to him," and then rushed toward the rear of the house. In the same instant a shout came from the top of the stair-case, "Stop that man," which was easy, for there was no exit through the rear of the Grand Central, and in less time than it takes to write these lines the fugitive was brought back in custody, and placed in the hands of the officers. All this occupied but a minute or two, and the intelligence that Jim Fisk was the victim, and Edward Stokes the assassin, was flying in a compact form of news all over New York and by telegraph to the ends of the land, almost before those first arrived on the spot had removed Fisk from the landing on the ladies' staircase to a little room at the north end of the main corridor where his life was to end. In a few minutes Broadway was full of an eager, excited crowd, kept back by a strong corps of police from entrance to the hotel, an extra guard within holding the access to the staircases and corridor given up to this last closing scene. One after another the wounded man's associates gained admission. Boss Tweed was among the first to arrive. Jay Gould came next, and both passed into the room to the bedside of Fisk. Two shots had been fired, inflicting the mortal wound in the abdomen. The most noted surgeons of New York were speedily in attendance. The press representatives came hurriedly. The leading Erie Railroad associates and strikers refused to be excluded. The tall, solemn figure of David Dudley Field and the brisk little Shearman were there, the former for some minutes in private consultation with the wounded man. Jay Gould manifested great emotion, and once was too much overcome to remain at the bedside. The facts of the ante mortem statement of Fisk charging Stokes with the deed, the finding of the pistol, the painful suspense ended at 11 o'clock on Sunday with the death of Fisk, will be recalled by the many who watched the course of news of the event.

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Could the industrial products of the Northwest be negotiated for at the commercial centres, they would be delivered from our farms to competing points of railroad and water transportation, from which point we would realize a reduction of freights, agents' commissions, and other charges. Then we could purchase our sugar, tea, coffee, cloth, hardware, and agricultural implements by a similar process, and distribute them on the same plan, free from legal or legislative protection, we are as helpless as a sheep bound for slaughter. What shall be done? is the question.

T. J.

Our friend takes rather too dark side of the picture, which I trust will look brighter to him as the sun mounts the southern arch of day by day and again gives us the song of birds greeting the happy spring-time. To negotiate a loan is one thing, but to handle the surplus products of 40,000,000 of people is quite another. Those things are not the growth of a day, but require time to bring them all into line. That there are abuses to be corrected in the managment of transportation, is beyond dehial; but that this is all, we may have grave doubts. A surplus of 14,000 bushels in one warehouse need surprise no one who is conversant with the shipping of grain. I have weighed several car-loads of corn shipped to Chicago, and the average shortage has been five bushels per car. On several occasions I have carefully examined the car, to see if it was possible to leak out the grain, and concluded that it was not probable. I have, therefore, come to the conclusion that there is some error, either intentional or accidental, in the weighing. This leak must be looked for and stopped. A million bushels of grain strewn along the line of our railways annually is a trifle too much to waste. It is not probable that much pains are taken to advertise these surplus accumulations, of which we have whisperings from time to time. If there is a wastage in transit, let that go to the account of profit and loss. A local grain-dealer once told me that he had to steal from each wagon-load of grain from the farmer half a bushel, to indemnify him against the shortage. This would be an average of 7 bushels to the car. So well understood has been this system of shortage on wagon-loads that a large number of our farmers have scales of their own, and weigh each load as it goes from the farm; and they have found it a profitable investment. That there is no small amount of dissatisfaction in this is apparent to all. "How scales differ," is a common remark. The fact is, scales differ as they are made to differ.

Below is the programme for

A FARMERS' CONVENTION:

The undersigned, the Executive Committee appointed by the Convention of delegates from Farmers' Clubs held at Kewanee, Oct. 16 and 17, 1872, in pursuance of the duties assigned them, do hereby invite each Farmers' Club, Grange, or other Agricultural, Horticultural, or Industrial Association of the State of Illinois, to send delegates for every 33 members and fraction in excess of half that number, to an Illinois Farmers' State Convention, to be held at the city of Bloomington, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 15 and 16, 1873, commencing at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, with three sessions each day (at 9 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7 p. m.)

The purpose of said Convention is to perfect the organization made at Kewanee, by the formation of a State Farmers' Association from said delegates, adoption of a Constitution, and for securing the organization and representation of associations in every county, and, if possible, in every township of the State; to discuss and insist upon reform in railway transportation; the sale of agricultural implements; the sale of farm products by commission merchants; and such other abuses as have grown up in our midst, and are now taxing and impoverishing producers and consumers; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the Convention.

The Committee suggest the following order of business, and have invited the gentlemen named to open the discussions:

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 9 a. m.—Opening address by the Hon. L. D. Whiting, President of the late Convention. Appointment of Committees on Credentials, and permanent organization.

2 p. m.—Report of Committees on Credentials and Permanent Organization; nomination of officers of Convention; appointment of Committees on Constitution and State Organization, and such others as may be thought advisable.

Address by J. B. Porterfield, upon Farmers' Associations as Business Organizations; to be followed by discussion, in which the members of business organizations are expected to give their experience.

7 p. m.—Reports of Committees; miscellaneous business; address by the Hon. M. L. Dunlap on the farmer's relation to the middleman; to be followed by discussion of same subject.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 9 a. m.—Railway legislation and railway reform; by the Hon. W. C. Flagg, H. C. Lawrence, and the Hon. J. H. Rowell.

The Railway Commissioners of Illinois are invited to be present and take part in the discussion.

2 p. m.—Reports of Committees; addresses by Professor J. B. Turner, Dr. J. M. Gregory, and Dr. N. Bateman on the education of the farmer; to be followed by discussion.

7 p. m.—Reports of Committees; complete organization of State Association; miscellaneous business.

The undersigned would urge upon the farmers of the State, where organizations do not exist, to organize at once and appoint delegates to said Convention, in order to insure a full reputation.

WILLIAM J. BEEB,
JOHN PRICKETT,
L. F. ROSS, *Executive Committee.*
S. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

OTHER INDUSTRIAL CONVENTIONS.

The Northern Illinois Horticultural Society, at Freeport; the Iowa State Horticultural Society, at Davenport, Iowa; and the Dairymen's Convention, at Whitewater, Wis., are all to be held on the same days, Jan. 21 to 24. It would be well for these Associations to have an understanding hereafter in regard to the time, so that their meetings shall not occur on the same days.

HORTICULTURE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Warsaw Horticultural Society, at its last monthly meeting, recommended the teaching of Horticulture in our public schools. While teaching the rudiments of an education, the school-books used ought to contain useful knowledge, rather than sentiment. Bryant on Forest-Trees, Johnson on How Crops Grow, etc., could be sandwiched between Spenser's Faery Queen, the epics of Homer, Paradise Lost, Shakspeare, and Byron, to good advantage among the advanced classes. With such reading they could not avoid imbibing it. The Society also named a new Illinois seedling least "a smattering of Horticulture." apple, the "Illinois Pippin." From what I saw of this fruit at Centralia, it is well worthy of trial.

FARMERS' CLUBS.

KNOX COUNTY, Ill., Dec. 27, 1872.

A few of us wish to form a Farmers' Club, and, being readers of THE TRIBUNE, take the liberty to ask some advice in regard to the proper rules for the organization. Respectfully, H. S. B.

You need but few rules, and those of the simplest form. A Club that has worked in perfect harmony for near two years has the following:

1. This Club shall be known as the Farmer's Club.
2. Its officers shall be a President, one Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices one year.
3. Any person may become a member on payment of 25 cents per annum.
4. The place of meeting shall be the district school-house, and at such time as the Club may order.
5. The Club shall be governed by the usual parliamentary rules.

A janitor, to see that the room is lighted and warmed, is paid 25 cents per night. The expenses are for lamter-heads, envelopes, and postage-stamps for the Secretary, lights and janitor, which are all paid for out of the annual dues.

An organization of the Patrons of Husbandry is rather an expensive luxury, costing male members $3 each, female 50 cents each, besides $5 for the charter. This, for 20 male and 10 female members, to constitute a Grange, would amount to the snug little sum of $80,—a sum sufficient to purchase a very good library for a Farmer's Club.

The appointment of a business agent, with commissions, has not met the expectation of some Farmers' Clubs. In the first place, a commission-man, whether self-appointed or otherwise, is after the profits; and I fail to see the advantage of appointing a greenhorn from among its members rather than to select an established house to do your business. There is some times a little danger of becoming a little too radical, for this reason, it is best to go a little slow, and look over the situation with care.

I can point to some Farmers' Clubs that have made a good thing out of their organization, in better sales and more judicious purchases, and at the same time, have not disturbed the "even tenor of their ways," beyond a slight modification, in which all parties have coincided. It is probable that the Bloomington meeting may throw some new light on rural affairs.

RURAL.

THE DAIRY.

Northwestern Dairymen's Association.

Annual meeting at Whitewater, Wis., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 21-23, 1873.

PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Evening—President's address. Address by the Hon. W. R. Taylor, President of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.

Wednesday Morning—Secretary's report. Discussion of the following topics: "Dairying in the Northwest—Have we Requisite Climate and Soil for Successful Dairying?" "The Dairy Farm—Arrangement, Buildings, Crops—Should it be Exclusively Devoted to Dairy Products?"

Wednesday Afternoon—Election of officers. "The Dairy Cow—Breeds, Feeding, and General Management," with an address by Professor Manly Miles, of the Michigan Agricultural College. "Milk—Milking and Care of Milk before Leaving the Farm."

Wednesday Evening—"Chemistry of Feeding and Care of Cattle"—address by Professor W. W. Daniells, Professor of Agriculture and Analytical Chemistry in the University of Wisconsin. Address by Professor J. B. Parkinson, of the University of Wisconsin.

Thursday Morning—"Butter—Methods of Manufacture, Including Care of Milk, Churning, Salting, and Packing." "Cheese—Method of Manufacture, Especially as to Management of Tainted Milk, and Best Size for and Modes of Curing Cheese."

Thursday Afternoon—"Marketing Dairy Products—Time, Place, Manner," with Reports from Dairy Boards of Trade in Illinois and Wisconsin, and Papers from Eastern and Western Dealers.

The discussions for Wednesday are of subjects in which the dairy-farmer is especially interested; those for Thursday relate to the manufacture and sale of dairy products. The discussions are expected to be familiar and practical, each being opened by papers or remarks by one or more gentlemen selected for the purpose, and then thrown open for free discussion, and it is hoped dairymen generally will come prepared to take part. On the marketing of dairy products it is expected to hear full reports from the Dairy Boards of Trade at Elgin, Ill., and Kenosha and Watertown, Wis., with papers from dealers in New York, Boston, Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis.

Among those from whom addresses or papers are expected are: The Hon. X. A. Willard and Gardner B. Weeks, of New York; the Hon. J. P. Reynolds and Dr. B. B. Stone, of Illinois; N. Eldred, of Iowa; Chester Hazen, President, and W. D. Hoard, Secretary, of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association.

PREMIUMS.

The Association offers two premiums, of $25 each, for cheese and butter made under regulations hitherto published.

Porter Blanchard's Sons, Concord, N. H., offer one of the Blanchard churns for best 20 pounds of butter shown at the Convention, with written statement of the method of manufacture.

Cornish & Curtis, Fort Atkinson, Wis., offer one of Whipple's rectangular churns, manufactured by them, for the best exhibition of skill in butter-making, as shown by their exhibited—the conditions under which it was manufactured, stated in writing, to be considered in making the award.

These premiums will be awarded by a Committee appointed by the Association. An exhibition of cheese, butter, dairy apparatus, etc., is invited from any quarter.

RAILROAD FARE.

On the Prairie du Chien and La Crosse Divisions of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, excursion tickets will be sold to Whitewater or nearest junction on Jan. 20 and 21, good to return until Jan. 25, at 60 per cent of full fare. Round trip tickets must be purchased at time of starting.

On the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, *return* tickets will be sold from Milton Junction to any station on that division in Wisconsin, to those presenting certificate of attendance at the meeting. These tickets will be good only on Jan. 23-24.

The annual membership fee is $2, which entitles to copies of the Annual Report.

S. FAVILL, President.
G. E. MORROW, Madison, Wis., Secretary.

Victor Hugo at Work.

Hugo must have worked in those days; he produced simultaneously lyrics, dramas, and romances. In 1832, Saint-Beuve was reviewing his novels as a whole, and pronounced *Notre Dame*, the last written, to be the first of a series of truly great romances, which the author was destined to continue in the future. With *Notre Dame* commences, doubtless, the acquaintance of the average English reader with Victor Hugo. This work was written without interruption, its author availing himself of Balzac's plan of composing. He shut himself up from convivial friends, and lived in his work. He locked up his dress-clothes, and, clothed in a "bear-skin"—we have seen an English novelist at work, wrapped up in a huge blanket—dreamed and wrote. It is even said that he bought a bottle of ink to begin with, which was drained dry with the last chapter; and that hence arose the well-known expression for a book—"*Ce qu'il y a dans une bouteille d'encre*;" which saying Hugo afterwards made over to one of his friends, who wished to utilize it as the title of a series of works. Prof. de Morgan could not bear a fire near him when he had any abstruse intellectual operation before him; but was wont then to sit wrapped up in an overcoat. Hugo, on the contrary, likes a big fire and an open window when he works.—*London Society.*

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Popular Vote by States, Compared with the Vote in 1868.

In the following table is given the actual vote for Grant and Greeley Presidential Electors in all the States of the Union. The highest vote cast on each ticket has been taken wherever obtainable. In Georgia and a few other States the average vote is given. Under the head of "scattering" are included the votes of O'Conor and Black, the straightout Democratic and Temperance candidates. Their vote, however, has not been returned from all the States. In the case of Louisiana the vote is given as declared by the Lynch-Longstreet returning Board. The figures as declared by Warmoth's returning Board, were: For Grant Electors, 58,252; Greeley Electors, 66,267:

	1872.			1868.		
	Grant.	Greeley.	Scat.	Grant.	Seym'r.	
Alabama	90,272	79,411	....	76,309	75,083	
Arkansas	41,266	29,448	....	22,151	19,078	
California	84,044	49,749	1,469	54,482	47,212	
Connecticut	50,832	48,860	629	50,996	47,476	
Delaware	11,146	10,908	....	7,623	10,980	
Florida	15,427	11,438	6	By Legislature.		
Georgia	62,715	76,978	4,000	57,134	102,578	
Illinois	241,948	184,770	5,000	250,293	199,143	
Indiana	186,146	156,637	1,417	176,552	166,980	
Iowa	131,209	71,719	2,203	120,399	74,040	
Kansas	66,048	32,070	711	31,281	14,019	
Kentucky	88,707	100,691	2,274	96,509	115,998	
Louisiana	71,053	57,029	....	56,383	80,235	
Maine	70,809	47,087	....	70,426	62,326	
Maryland	66,760	62,697	....	30,438	62,357	
Massachusetts	138,479	66,350	....	136,477	56,406	
Michigan	138,474	87,455	4,154	128,650	97,069	
Minnesota	54,598	34,227	34	43,842	28,078	
Mississippi	53,458	47,395	....	No vote.		
Missouri	119,196	151,497	2,459	85,671	88,788	
Nebraska	18,946	7,902	....	9,729	6,439	
Nevada	6,815	4,376	....	6,660	5,218	
N. Hampshire	37,184	31,421	233	38,191	31,924	
New Jersey	91,981	75,891	906	80,131	83,001	
New York	440,759	387,279	1,255	419,883	429,883	
North Carolina	84,704	69,494	....	96,236	84,090	
Ohio	281,852	244,321	2,425	280,128	238,700	
Oregon	11,818	7,742	34	10,961	9,326	
Pennsylvania	349,589	311,901	....	342,260	313,382	
Rhode Island	15,903	7,548	295	11,623	7,548	
South Carolina	71,266	52,703	224	62,301	45,237	
Tennessee	82,035	84,291	....	56,757	26,311	
Texas	82,566	42,297	2,560	No vote.		
Vermont	41,469	16,986	553	44,167	13,045	
Virginia	92,903	91,424	43	No vote.		
West Virginia	46,832	29,037	....	29,029	30,208	
Wisconsin	104,998	66,477	834	108,857	84,710	
Totals	3,592,994	2,833,987	33,286	3,013,188	2,703,600	
Majorities	759,137			309,588		

PERSONAL.

Senator S. C. Pomeroy, of Kansas, is at the Tremont.

Colonel B. B. Bragg, United States Army, was in the city yesterday.

Hon. A. Caldwell and wife, Judge Robert Crozier, and M. H. Insley, of Leavenworth, Kansas, are at the Sherman.

The following were at Anderson's European Hotel yesterday: E. A. Munn, Hudson, N. Y.; W. B. Bragg, John Bragg, Mobile, Ala.; C. McFarland, Burlington, Iowa; David Young Cameron, Mo.

The following were at the Gardner yesterday: Charles H. Seabury, Detroit; E. G. Sheldon, New York; J. W. Kinsley, Boston; J. G. Henshalt, Milwaukee; T. Allen French, Louisville; D. N. Hicky, Montreal.

The following were at the Tremont yesterday: Mrs. A. Gridley and son, Bloomington; James S. Stewart, Milwaukee; Myron L. Leonard, Batavia, N. Y.; James Ewing, Canton, O.; F. A. Harrison, New Orleans; G. H. Hosg, Farmington, Mo.

The following were among the arrivals at the Briggs yesterday: J. E. Nicolls, Bloomington; J. W. Richardson, Jacksonville; Ira Davis, Davenport; Hugh Smith, Alton, Ill.; J. Stewart, Mason City; W. S. Wilson, Xenia, O.; W. B. Hunt, De Pere.

The following were among the arrivals at the Sherman yesterday: A. J. Currier, Kansas City; A. Howes, Boston; Mark M. Palmer, Yankton, D. T.; J. P. C. Cottuth, Milwaukee; M. Rice and lady, Buffalo; E. H. Klenke, Madison, Wis.; T. H. Cunningham, San Francisco; Frank B. Farwell, St. Paul; D. A. Nichols, Allevoide, Mo.

Judge Durell is a cousin of "Long John" Wentworth, of Chicago.

Poole, the famous London tailor, retires worth $2,500,000,

Senator Alcorn, of Mississippi, has had twenty children and been twice married.

Governor Woodson, of Missouri, will have as Private Secretary, his brother-in-law, D. E. Shannon, of St. Joseph.

Archbishop Bayley, of Baltimore is recovering his health, and is said not to be affected with Bright's disease.

William Branch, a pioneer of Minnesota, and one of the projectors of the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad, died, last week, at St. Paul.

Curtis, Morey & Co., of the Rochester (N. Y.) *Union and Advertiser*, have reorganized as a joint stock company; capital, $300,000.

Dr. William Kempster, of Utica, N. Y., accepts the Superintendency of the new Asylum for the Insane, near Oshkosh, Wis.

Six of the signers of Jeff. Davis' bail bond are dead, but Gerritt Smith, who headed the list, still lives.

John S. Fowler, nine years city editor of the New Haven [Ct.) *Courier*, has become City Clerk.

Alonzo D. Morgan, son of Edwin B. Morgan, one of the principal owners of the New York *Times*, died, last week, at his father's residence in Aurora, near Auburn, N. Y.

William H. Hurlbut, of the New York *World*, (brother of General Hurlbut, of Illinois,) has gone to Central and South America, and will write for *Harper's Magazine*.

The Rev. Samuel Watson, for thirty-two years a Methodist preacher, has withdrawn from the Memphis Conference because of his belief in Spiritualism.

The Rt. Hon. Henry Austin Bruce, of the Home Department in Gladstone's Ministry, is about to resign, and there are rumors of a peerage offered and declined.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe has purchased the residence of Franklin Chamberlin on Forest street, Hartford, Ct., and intends to make it her home.

Professor Tyndall will not take any American money home with him. He intends to give all he has made here to some scientific institution in this country.

Richard F. Clark, Treasur

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 4.

An approximate notion of the amount of money set afloat in the first half of January in the chief financial centres may be arrived at by the facts that the January interest on the Public Debt amounts to $28,649,553. This is the total semi-annual interest on $908,985,212 of the debt. As nearly $400,000,000 of this amount consists of registered bonds on which the semi-annual interest is due January 1, it is to be presumed that at least $12,000,000 of the $28,649,553 will be paid to American holders, and the money will be kept into circulation in this country. In addition to this are the dividends on bank and other local stocks, which in New York city will amount to $4,000,000, besides $5,000,000 due on various State debts of which the interest is payable in New York. The total amount of dividends disbursed at Boston (not including any on the public debt) will be $4,000,000. The January dividends on railroad stocks are estimated at $20,000,000. Including all the local stocks of the principal cities, the amount of dividends set afloat and paid to owners of stocks in the United States will be near $60,000,000. This amount of money set in motion and retained in this country, cannot fail to have a great effect on the money market in the direction of making funds abundant.

In the local market, money is easier than it was a few days ago. The total amount of dividends disbursed on local stocks here is probably $600,000, and has had some effect on the market, in the direction of ease.

The demand for exchange continues unusually large. Sales were made between banks to-day at 50c per $1,000 premium, but some banks unable to get a full supply at that rate were shipping currency to New York.

The clearings of the Chicago banks for the week ending Jan. 4 were:

Date.	Clearings.	Balances.
Monday	$ 3,009,998.95	$ 258,676.63
Tuesday	2,674,685.87	287,493.35
Wednesday—Holiday		
Thursday	3,542,265.36	290,042.71
Friday	4,699,977.12	334,176.36
Saturday	3,748,558.79	188,562.41
Total	$17,675,035.59	$1,658,939.18
Corresponding week last year	$15,516,221.72	$1,598,185.71

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

The following quotations of local stocks are furnished by Messrs. Hammond & Watson:

	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	140 ex-div.	
Fourth National Bank	100	110
Fifth National Bank	135 ex-div.	
Commercial National Bank	135 ex-div.	
Corn Exchange National Bank	108	115
City National Bank	145	
National Bank of Illinois	110	
National Bank of Commerce	100	
Chicago City Railway	155	160
North Division Railway		100
Fulman Palace Car	109	112
Elgin Watch Company	100	106
Chamber of Commerce	97	100
Traders'	97	100

$5,000 Stanstine Counties' National Bank at 100.
$7,000 Home National Bank at 87½.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81, ex. int.	114½	114¾
5-20s of '62	112⅝	112¾
5-20s of '64	113	113¼
5-20s of '65	113¼	113⅜
5-20s of '66, Jan. and July, ex. int.	112⅜	112½
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July, ex. int.	113⅛	113⅜
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July, ex. int.	113⅛	113½
10-40s	109¾	110
U. S. 6s (new issue), ex. int.	111¾	111¾
U. S. currency 6s, ex. int.	119½	120
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s		100 & int.
Chicago City 7s		99¾ & int.
Cook County 7s		99¼ & int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	99@99	
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)		109¾-110¼
Gold Exchange		111¾
Gold and Gold Coupons	111¾	111¾
Land Warrants		
160's Not War 1812	177	187
120's Not War 1812	154	163
Agricultural College Land Scrip		140

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Gold is quiet and firmer to-day at 111⅜@111⅝. Loans 1 to 7 per cent for carrying. Clearings, $40,000,000. Specie shipments for the week were $1,919.

Governments were dull and steady, and closed firm.

State bonds ruled dull and steady at nominal prices.

Money was easier to-day, and declined to 4 per cent at the close, although the bulk of the business was at 5 per cent to 1-32.

Foreign exchange was quiet at 109¾ for prime bankers' 60 days' sterling, and 110⅛ for sight.

The bank statement is favorable. The banks now hold an excess of $9,788,025.

Early dealings on the Stock Exchange were characterized by considerable business, but as the day advanced the improvement in prices was lost and free offerings of stocks were made during the afternoon. Erie fluctuated early, but later made a steady decline to 62¾, the closing quotation. Boston, Hartford & Erie was freely pressed for sale, the price dropped from 8¾ to 7¾. The market closed quiet.

Sterling, 109¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	114½	Coupons, '67	113⅞
5-20s of '62	113¾	Coupons, '68	113⅞
Coupons, '64	113⅞	10-40s	110
Coupons, '65	113⅞	New 5s	111⅜
Coupons, '65 (new)	113¾	Currency 6s	119½

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	92¾	Virginias, new	48
Tennessees, new	79¾	North Carolinas, new	19
Tennessees, old	79¾	North Carolinas, old	19
Virginias, old	45		

STOCKS.

Canton	101¾	St. Paul	64
W. U. Tel	79⅛	St. Paul pfd	77⅞
Quicksilver	46	Wabash	74½
Adams Express	93¾	Wabash pfd	86
Wells Fargo	69¾	Fort Wayne	99
American Express	53	Terre Haute	14
United States Ex	80	Terre Haute pfd	40
Pacific Mail	40	Chicago & Alton	112¾
New York Central	112¾	C. & A. pfd	112
Erie	62¾	O. & M.	48¾
Erie pfd	77	C., O. & C.	93
Harlem	113¾	C., R. & Q.	137
Harlem pfd	120	Lake Shore	96¾
Michigan Central ex. int.	97¾	Indiana Central	97¾
	109	Illinois Central	125
Pittsburgs	89	Union Pacific stocks	38¾
Reading	97	U. S. bonds	111⅝
Northwestern pfd	88	Central Pacific bonds	99¼
Rock Island	111	Del., Lack. & W	94
N. J. Central	102	B., H. & Erie	7¾

COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 4.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce at this point during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	6,527	4,711	4,029	2,561
Wheat, bu	61,890	20,475	3,543	349
Corn, bu	75,850	161,355	1,179	6,910
Oats, bu	49,670	25,610	12,136	9,803
Rye, bu	7,076	4,080	2,300	2,766
Barley, bu	16,770	11,110	2,507	9,823
Grass Seed, lbs	15,885	12,370	20,700	2,680
Flax Seed, lbs	41,000			
Broom Corn, lbs	14,000	58,614	17,840	5,000
Cured Meats, lbs	98,340	498,420	1157,643	1612,676
Beef, brls	59	68	132	173
Pork, brls	141	206		279
Lard, lbs	120,010	114,450	1430,700	403,650
Tallow, lbs	30,090	21,370	44,475	
Butter, lbs	83,300	68,655	1,300	11,540
Live Hogs, No	1,693	2,570	1,539	1,489
Hogs, No	13,385	9,572	3,564	1,505
Cattle, No	1,041	128	732	1,203
Sheep, No	1,193	1,193	1,617	2,225
Hides, lbs	122,377	193,651	45,088	78,220
Tallow, brls	204	50	122	405
Whisky, brls	94,300	11,700	68,730	
Alcohol, bbls	1,900	4,400	22	
Pork, brls	373	445	265	410
Lard, tcs	320		505	10
Butter, brls		99	17	25
Cheese, brls	830		1,017	2,225

Withdrawn from store on Friday for city consumption: 7,819 bu wheat, 9,033 bu corn, 3,227 oats, 569 bu rye, 5,163 bu barley. Withdrawn for do during the week: 16,344 bu wheat, 9,288 bu corn, 14,159 bu oats, 6,096 bu rye, 30,109 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 96 cars wheat, 213 cars corn, 35 cars oats, 21 cars rye, 33 cars barley. Total, 398 cars, or 160,000 bu.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and stock at this point during the week ending with this morning, and for corresponding weeks ending as dated:

	RECEIPTS.			SHIPMENTS.		
	Jan. 4, 1873.	Dec. 28, 1872.	Jan. 6, 1871.	Jan. 4, 1873.	Dec. 28, 1872.	Jan. 6, 1871.
Flour, brls	34,711	29,409	23,363			
Wheat, bu	187,574	169,580	113,062			
Corn, bu	800,535	393,510	820,410			
Oats, bu	393,960	145,162	132,799			
Rye, bu	36,990	16,770	17,540			
Barley, bu	69,735	81,290	57,160			
Dressed hogs, No	7,668	6,886	12,015			
Live hogs, No	14,940	12,770	12,118			
Cattle, No	2,023	5,281	7,921			
	SHIPMENTS.					
Flour, brls	24,727	23,880	19,413			
Wheat, bu	27,776	24,343	24,188			
Corn, bu	11,227	18,469	84,188			
Oats, bu	37,713	72,572	46,926			
Rye, bu	6,300	2,253	7,319			
Barley, bu	26,240	29,978	30,213			
Dressed hogs, No	9,936	6,174	7,507			

The regular annual meeting of the Chicago Board of Trade will be held on Monday, the 6th inst., the election during the day (from 10 to 4), and the "meeting" in the evening.

The statement in our issue of this morning, that there was on Friday a margin of 2@3c per bu on the shipment of wheat to New York, is open to two or three objections—the most important of which is that it is at present almost impossible to ship wheat East at any price. Apart from this, however, there is scarcely such a margin; the difference being slightly the other way—against the shipper. But it is important to remember that the New York quotation are not an actual guage of selling prices in that city. There is no difficulty in selling straight Chicago No. 2 as "Milwaukee No. 2," and it is only the fancy mixtures sent from this city, or plain No. 3, that is sold in New York as "Chicago No. 2." It is simply a sarcastic nomenclature, invented in the hope of realizing a little extra profit, just as our Illinois cheese is branded "New York factory," when it has never been east of the Indiana State line. At the same time, the New Yorkers might be polite enough to return the compliment paid them by our cheese-dealers, and give Chicago the most honorable place. Perhaps the reason is, that the Milwaukee shippers follow the "Somnambula" motto more closely than we, and "do not mingle" their grades.

We published, this morning, the stocks of wheat and corn in Liverpool. The stock of flour there is 23,000 sacks and 36,000 brls, against 41,154 sacks and 52,949 brls a year ago. The stocks in Glasgow are given at 300,000 quarters each of wheat and corn, against 259,000 quarters wheat and 54,000 quarters corn one year ago.

The stock of wheat in Liverpool (371,000 quarters) is 142,000 quarters less than a year ago, but is believed to be all ground wheat; whereas, not far from 150,000 quarters of that on hand at the close of 1871 was of the class known as unmerchantable. There is not much difference between the two stocks of wheat as available for use in making flour of a fair quality.

There was a rather free expression of opinion on 'Change to-day, in regard to the projected or advised extensions and improvements in our facilities for water communication with the East and with Europe. Considerable stress was laid upon the fact that the Georgian Bay route would not aid the commerce of the numerous important ports on Lake Erie, and that it could not, therefore, be recommended as a national measure, while the enlargement of the Welland Cadal would cost comparatively little, and benefit the Lake Erie ports as well as Chicago. It was also urged as important that the advocacy of some one (the best) scheme should be agreed upon, and that the forces of the arguments in its favor ought not to be weakened by recognition of the claims of its rivals.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were again quiet to-day, and generally steady, with a shade more of firmness in some departments, though receipts were liberal all around, while the shipping movement is necessarily slow, owing to the difficulty of procuring railroad cars. The weather was fine, for winter, and promised to permit a freer movement by rail, both to and from the city. The demand for groceries continues to improve, and the general market exhibits a somewhat firmer tone. Coffees are strong, with an upward inclination, but aside from this no immediate change in price is anticipated. Teas are firm and in better demand. Dry goods were again quoted dull, but the prevalent feeling continues very firm, and in standard cotton fabrics there is a tendency to advance. Butter was in good request, with prices steady and firmer. Bagging ruled quiet and steady. No new features were noted in the cheese, fish, and dried fruit markets, trade ruling quiet, with prices steady and unchanged. The hay trade was again reported slack, with prices unchanged. Hides remain firm. Leather was dull but exceeding firm. The only change in prices of oils was ½c decline on carbon, there being free sellers at 24½@25c. Linseed, lard, whale, and most other descriptions ruled steady and firm. Tobacco, wood, and pig iron were quoted quiet. Alcohol, in sympathy with highwines, was lo lower. The demand for brick, lime, cement, metals, nails, etc., continues very light, and prices remain without alteration. Iron and steel were in moderate request at previous quotations. Trade at the lumber yards was quiet. Hard wood is very dull; prices remain the same as for the last six or eight weeks. Salt was fairly active and firm. The markets for wool and broom corn remain about the same. Manufacturers are now buying fine-fleeced wools for their spring goods, but aside from this the market is quiet. The better grades of broom corn meet with a fair shipping demand, and they are firm, owing to scarcity; common grades are in liberal supply and almost unsalable. Hops were in fair demand and firm. Seeds were in very good demand, and the offerings quite liberal; prices rule about the same, timothy being quoted at $3.00@3.25; clover at $5.00@5.25, and flax at $1.60@1.75. There was an improved demand for poultry this morning, especially choice turkeys, and prices are steady at yesterday's quotations. Game was in large supply and rather quiet; shippers are buying up choice lots. The average demand for green fruits prevailed, former prices being adhered to.

S. T. Webster, of the National Steamship Company, quotes the following rates per 100 lbs, in gold, from Chicago to the points named: London, $1.08; Dublin and Amsterdam, $1.25; Belfast, $1.28; Londonderry, $1.31; Edinburg and Bordeaux, $1.36; Newcastle, $1.30; Antwerp, $1.23; Rotterdam, $1.26; Liverpool, $1.08; Havre, $1.28; Calais, $1.25.

Highwines were reported to be more active, and steady at the recent reduction, though New York was quoted dull and lower, with sales at 90c. Dealers reported sales of 200 brls here at 89c per gallon.

Dressed hogs were in good demand early in the session, and sellers held off till they had secured an advance of 2½@5c per 100 lbs; but later the demand fell off, and the market closed dull at $4.32½@4.35. Sales were reported of 900 head (extra choice) at $4.45; 62 at $4.40; 872 at $4.37½; 246 at $4.35; and 100 heavy at $4.32½. Total, 1,578 head. Also 1,000 head seller the month at $4.30.

Provisions were quiet, but firmer all round. The firmer feeling in live hogs caused packers to advance their views to the extent of 10c per brl on pork, 5c per 100 lbs on lard, and ½c per lb on meats, while buyers held off, chiefly on account of the transportation difficulty. There are, undoubtedly, a considerable number of orders here, especially for lard and meats, for export, which are held in abeyance because no one knows when transportation can be furnished for the large quantities of produce that now cumber up our packing-houses, though long since sold for shipment. The packers are believed to have sold about all the product they have made up to date, and have sold considerably ahead on hams. Hence they have no particular object in making liberal offerings, while the speculative fraternity are cautious about selling short in view of these facts, and the lightness of the packing returns thus far. The almost unprecedented quietness of our market to date is principally a consequence of low prices. An active speculative movement cannot exist without bears, and there are very few who have the courage to attempt to force down prices, though many profess to think that a further decline is probable. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess Pork—Old, $11.00@11.25; new pork, cash or seller January, $11.40@11.50; do seller February, $11.60; do seller March, $11.80@11.85; do seller April, $11.95@12.00; prime mess, $10.50; extra prime, $8.75. Lard, cash, do seller January, $7.00@7.05; do seller February, $7.12½; do seller March, $7.25; do seller April, $7.50. Sweet pickled hams, 7¾@8¼c, and green hams at 7¾@7¾c for 15-lb averages, and 7½@7¾c for 16-lb averages. Green shoulders, 5¾@6c; do rough sides, 4¾c; do short ribs, 5c; do short clear, 6¼c; dry salted meats quotable at 5¾c for shoulders; 5½c for short ribs, and 6¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, seller January, quoted at 8¾c. English meats for delivery in January, 8¾c for Cumberlands 9¾c for short ribs or long clear; 6¾c for short clear; 8¼@8¾c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 4¾c for shoulders, 7¾c for clear ribs, 7¾c for short clear, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $27.00@28.00. City tallow, 7¼@7½c; grease quotable at 5½@6¾c. Sales were reported of 100 brls mess pork at $11.50; 1,350 lbs lard at 7c; 750 lbs do seller March, at $7.35 per 100 lbs; 100 boxes short ribs at 5¾c; 1,000 boxes long and short clear, equal quantities, seller February, at 6c; 200 brls pig's tongues at 2c each; 2,500 pcs green hams (16 lbs) 7½c. 20,000 lbs do (17 lbs) at 6¾c; 40,000 lbs do (20 lbs) at 6c; 800 lbs sweet pickled hams (16¼ lbs) at 8¾c.

The following were the receipts and shipments of provisions during the past week:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Beef, brls	213	425
Pork, brls	426	969
Lard, lbs	579,536	4,388,765
Meats, lbs	1,228,180	9,694,383

The packing at different points to date is thus reported:

	To date, 1873.	To date, 1872.	Total last year.
Chicago	826,304	787,105	1,229,208
Cincinnati	415,000	540,000	656,841
St. Louis	365,000	307,000	419,023
Louisville	200,000	230,000	302,513
Milwaukee	192,261	155,863	213,118
Indianapolis	118,200	120,300	172,100
Peoria	40,000	78,000	90,225
Total	2,037,865	2,367,113	3,196,036

Henry Milward & Co. say: "From all accounts the bulk of the hog crop has not yet been marketed and with the recurrence of favorable weather, the receipts of hogs for the next three or four weeks are expected to be overwhelming."

D. W. C. Sanford & Co. give the following as the stocks of provisions in New Orleans:

	Jan. 1, 1873.	Jan. 1, 1872.
Brls mess pork	12,994	6,002
Brls other kinds	213	542
Total pork	13,170	6,544
Tierces lard	1,891	1,346
Kegs lard	2,429	3,484
Casks bacon shoulders	867	44
Casks bacon C. R. sides	116	61
Casks clear sides	44	627
Tierces hams	163	561
Dry salt meats, lbs	226,000	243,000
Total bacon and D. S. meat, lbs	1,356,000	1,396,320

Flour was more active, and very firm in the hands of holders. There were a few orders on the floor, principally on Southern account, and a fair inquiry from the local trade; while stocks are small, and some of them quoted as "badly broken up." Hence holders were careless about selling, except at full prices. Bran was steady. Sales were reported of 450 brls white winter extras at $6.75; 100 brls do at $6.25; 200 brls do on private terms; 200 brls spring extras (Lookport Hydraulic) at $7.00; 300 brls do at $6.50; 200 brls do at $5.50; 500 brls do on private terms; 100 brls rye on private terms; 125 brls buckwheat at $7.75. Total, 2,275 brls. Also 40 tons bran at $11.00; 10 tons screenings at $10.00; 1 car cornmeal at $12.50, all on track. The market closed at the following range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$7.50@ 9.75
Red winter extras	6.50@ 7.25
Good to choice spring extras	5.50@ 6.50
Low to medium	4.50@ 5.25
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.00@ 7.25
Spring superfines	3.00@ 4.50
Rye flour	4.00@ 4.50
Buckwheat flour	6.00@ 6.50
Bran	11.00@

Wheat was fairly active and generally firm, though averaging about ½c per bu lower than on Friday. But the bulk of the trading was done at an advance of 1¾@c on the latest quotations of yesterday, the market being strengthened by reports of a firmer feeling in New York and Liverpool. It was surmised that the English markets are strong on account of light stocks, which are said to be some 280,000 quarters, or nearly 2,250,000 bushels, less than a year ago. But a portion of the excess a year ago was composed of unmerchantable wheat, as above noted, and for the remainder it may be safely assumed that Great Britain sees her way clearly for the next four months, and is rather anxious about the source than the fact of the supply during next summer. The feeling here in favor of higher prices is unmistakably a stubborn one, though no one seems to doubt that we shall have very liberal receipts here all through the winter, as the farmers are pressing their forces in the country, and Minnesota is already pouring her treasures into our lap. The receipts to-day exceed 60,000 bu, and many think that they will average at least 400,000 bu per week from now till the opening of navigation. The shipping demand was moderate to-day—chiefly for the lower grades, which were scarce and firm. In her February, the principal option dealt in, opened at $1.22¾, advanced to $1.23¾, fell to $1.21¾, rose to $1.23¾, and closed at $1.23⅜. Seller the month, or cash No. 2 spring, sold at $1.19¾@1.21¼, closing at the outside. Seller March was quiet at about 2c above February. No. 1 spring was quiet at $1.29@1.25; No. 3 spring closed at $1.07@1.07½; and rejected do at 94¼@95c, the outside in elevators named by buyers. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2 spring at $1.25; 400 bu do at $1.24; 400 bu No. 2 spring (hard) at $1.21¾; 10,800 bu do at $1.20¾; 44,600 bu do at $1.20¼; 21,300 bu do at $1.20; 5,000 bu do at $1.20½; 5,000 bu do at $1.19¾; 2,000 bu No. 3 spring (A., D. & Co.) at $1.07½; 9,800 bu do at $1.07¾; 5,600 bu do at $1.07; 1,200 bu rejected spring at 95c; 2,000 bu do at 94c. Total, 124,400 bu.

Corn was less active, which means a very quiet, at about the same range of prices as on Friday, and was quite steady, for the reason that there was not animation enough to cause fluctuations in prices. New York was quoted stronger, but this made little difference to a market which seems to be helplessly shut off from the seaboard till the opening of navigation. The receipts are liberal, and promise to continue so through the winter, which makes speculative buyers backward. Seller the month, or cash, sold at 30¾@30⅝c; seller the last half do at 30⅜c; seller February at 31¾@31⅝c; seller March at 32c; seller May at 36⅝c; seller June at 37¼c; and seller July at 37⅜c. All closed steady. Rejected was ½c lower at 28c. Cash sales were reported of 18,000 bu No. 2 at 30¾c; 48,600 bu do at 30⅝c; 4,800 bu rejected at 28c. Total, 66,400 bu.

Oats were very quiet and steady at Friday's prices, with a shade easier feeling for next month. There was very little demand for car lots, and the bulk of the current receipts was held off the market in consequence. Seller the month, or cash No. 2, sold at 24¼@24⅝c; seller February at 25@25⅛c; seller March at 26c; seller April at 26¼@26⅝c, and seller May at 26¾@27c. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 at 24½c; 1,200 bu rejected at 20⅝c; 600 bu do at 20¾c; 600 bu do at 20c. Total, 9,600 bu.

Rye was dull and weak, owing to the larger receipts of the past few days; which caused a further decline of ¼@1c. Cash sales were reported of 600 bu No. 2 at 66c; 800 bu do at 65½c; 1,400 bu do at 65¼c; and 10,000 bu do on private terms. Total, 14,000 bu. No. 2 closed at 65¼c. Rejected was nominal at 61c.

Barley was less active, at about the same range of prices as on Friday. No. 2 opened at 65c, and closed at 64¾c. Seller February sold at 65¾c, and seller March at 66c, and closed firmer at 66¼c. Cash sales were reported of 4,000 bu No. 2 at 65c; 800 bu do at 64¾c; 6,600 bu do at 64¼c; 2,400 bu No. 3 at 53¼c; 2,800 bu do at 52c; 400 bu do at 51c; 400 bu do at 50c; 1,600 bu rejected at 42c; 400 bu do at 41c; 1,000 bu do at 41½c; 300 bu by sample at 40c; 400 bu do at 39c; 1,200 bu do at 75c; 400 bu do at 72c; 400 bu do at 70c; 800 bu do at 65c; 200 bu do at 60c. Total, 24,900 bu.

The *Sentinel* gives the following figures showing the receipts and shipments of flour and grain in Milwaukee during the past year:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, brls	314,302	1,233,109
Wheat, bu	13,275,726	11,468,276
Corn, bu	2,041,198	1,887,958
Oats, bu	1,630,048	1,535,364
Barley, bu	409,933	209,210
Rye, bu	1,447,569	981,307

The following were the amounts of grain in store Dec. 30, 1872: Wheat, 681,011 bu; oats, 180,517 bu; corn, 29,541 bu; rye, 66,012 bu; barley, 76,188 bu.

PRODUCE MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK.

The *Journal of Commerce* gives the following as the movement of the leading articles of domestic produce at that port for three years past:

	RECEIPTS.		
	1870.	1871.	1872.
Ashes, brls	7,562	6,908	6,769
Breadstuffs—			
Wheat flour, brls	4,143,909	3,840,045	3,030,771
Corn meal, brls	190,596	183,979	201,733
Wheat, bu	24,062,742	28,515,260	16,729,413
Rye, bu	656,169	1,055,023	491,563
Oats, bu	9,626,606	12,846,966	13,486,348
Barley and barley malt, bu	5,020,718	3,899,123	5,117,351
Peas, bu	202,127	117,941	196,379
Corn, bu	9,143,478	27,108,156	40,769,698
Cotton, bales	894,220	986,840	776,879
Naval stores—			
Crude turpentine, brls	6,661	9,986	9,688
Spirits turp., brls	70,380	67,937	76,058
Rosin, brls	456,293	508,963	893,963
Tar, brls	46,973	19,276	29,382
Pitch, brls	2,943	1,111	1,827
Provisions—			
Pork, pkgs	133,290	175,826	145,971
Beef, brls	127,286	164,603	58,585
Cutmeats, pkgs	98,263	193,820	231,288
Butter, pkgs	630,813	709,473	680,668
Cheese, pkgs	1,544,594	1,467,414	1,171,511
Lard, tcs, and brls	91,623	136,521	255,092
Lard, kegs	24,989	22,207	28,021
Whiskey, brls	180,844	168,084	185,042
	EXPORTS.		
	1870.	1871.	1872.
Ashes, pots, brls	2,490	1,677	1,582
Ashes, pearls, brls	131	228	150
Beeswax, lbs	277,385	253,926	267,044
Breadstuffs—			
Wheat flour, brls	1,950,394	1,659,755	1,179,000
Rye flour, brls	4,653	11,218	6,239
Corn meal, brls	84,718	124,488	189,877
Wheat, bu	18,446,035	21,968,643	13,144,956
Rye, bu	93,431	526,772	868,647
Oats, bu	28,968	37,430	21,084
Barley, bu		96,745	2,656
Peas, bu	151,102	90,149	156,353
Corn, bu	457,792	13,046,570	25,972,186
Candles, lbs	40,146	27,977	62,209
Coal, tons	36,998	33,407	89,234
Cotton, bales	606,449	598,703	604,702
Hay, bales	39,139	21,109	24,344
Hops, bales	30,739	27,430	6,593
Naval Stores—			
Crude turp., brls	603	229	829
Spirits turp., brls	17,343	25,272	21,348
Rosin, brls	356,033	379,051	436,519
Tar, brls	15,502	9,594	15,940
Pitch, brls	3,760	3,779	3,503
Oils—			
Whale, galls	110,603	276,550	78,275
Sperm, galls	566,390	669,099	691,072
Lard, galls	22,114	222,917	170,207
Linseed, galls	7,880	12,560	7,401
Provisions—			
Pork, brls	88,000	165,088	153,194
Beef, brls	54,496	45,277	36,054
Beef, tcs	37,388	31,425	4,000
Cutmeats, lbs	20,256,699	26,425,264	209,236,144
Butter, lbs	1,359,264	1,602,347	4,814,497
Cheese, lbs	21,710,435	19,246,261	27,109,248
Lard, lbs	13,074,263	126,934,376	173,726,,540
Rice, tcs	1,174	23	61
Rice, brls	33,161	13,230	27,174
Tallow, lbs	12,565,900	42,913,419	56,,000,,552
Tobacco, crude, pkgs	97,962	112,689	177,486
Tobacco, manf., lbs	6,431,176	6,576,942	8,910,683
Whalebone, lbs	260,249	405,356	183,542
Petroleum, galls	29,672,901	94,216,584	84,570,393

LATEST.

In the afternoon, wheat was active and firmer. No. 2 spring sold at $1.21¾@1.21¾ seller the month, and $1.23¾@1.24 seller February, the latter closing at $1.23¾. Corn was quiet and a shade firmer. No. 2 sold at 30¾@30⅝c seller the month, and 31¾@31¼c seller February, both closing at the inside. Other grain and provisions were quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 4.

ALCOHOL—Was 1c lower, owing to weakness in highwines. We now quote 94 per cent proof at $1.78@1.83.

BROOM CORN—There was a fair local and Eastern demand for better grades. The market is liberally supplied with red and common corn, which is very dull. Choice hurl is scarce and firm. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6¼@7c; No. 2 do, 5¾@6c; No. 1 stalk brush, 5@5½c; No. 2 do, 4@4½c; No. 3 do, 3@3½c; inside green, 3¼@4c; do red tip, 3c; do pale and red, 2@3½c.

BEANS—Choice beans are in fair request and firm, owing to scarcity. Other grades are unchanged. We quote: Navies at $2.80@2.90; fair to prime, $2.00@2.25; common to medium, $1.25@1.75.

BUTTER—The butter trade continues reasonably active, with prices generally firm. Choice and low grades are principally in demand, but there is also a fair movement in medium grades. The stocks are not large of any grade, while the supply of choice is rather short of the demand. Prices are as follows: Good to choice roll, 18@22c; strictly dairy packed, 25@28c; medium to good, 18@22c; inferior to common, 8@17c.

BAGGING—Prices of grain bags continue strong and firm, for two of the leading brands, an advance is talked of. Burlaps and gunnies are in far request and remain steady. Wool sacks are inactive. We quote: Stark, 36c; Ludlow, 34c; Lewiston, 34½c; American, 33½c; Otter Creek, 33½c; burlap bags, 1 and 5 bu, 20@22½c; gunnies, single, 18@19c; do, double, 26c; wool sacks, 68@70c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The demand was very light, and only for small lots for current necessities. Prices rule steady. We quote: Stucco, $2.50@2.75; New York stucco, casing, $3.75@4.00; superfine do, $3.00@3.25; Rosendale cement, $2.50@3.50; Utica cement, $2.00 per brl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $3.26@3.50; lime, in bulk, $1.00@1.25; lime (brls) $1.35@1.50 per brl; white sand, per brl, $1.75@3.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@50c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; building brick (common), $11.00@18.00; country brick, $13.00@14.00; Woodstock pressed, range at $25.00@40.00; St. Louis Hydraulic pressed, $45.00 del; Milwaukee, $33.00 del; Racine, $30.00 del; Hildale, $25.00 del; fire clay, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box or 50 feet, for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 and 5 per cent is made by dealers:

Size.	First quality.	Double strength.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 6.75	$ 8.00
7x10 to 8x10	6.50	9.00
8x11 to 8x13	7.00	9.50
8x14 to 10x15	7.50	11.00
10x14 to 12x18	8.00	13.00
14x16 to 16x20	8.50	15.00
14x22 to 16x24	9.00	17.00
18x22 to 18x30	10.50	18.50
20x28 to 24x30	12.00	20.00
26x28 to 24x36	13.00	22.00
26x34 to 26x40	14.00	24.00
28x38 to 28x44	15.00	26.00
28x46 to 30x48	16.00	27.00
30x50 to 32x54		30.00
32x54 to 34x56		34.00
34x58 to 34x60		38.00
36x60 to 40x60		40.00

CANNED GOODS—The canned goods trade continues quiet, with but little variation in prices. Tomatoes, corn, and one or two other articles in the list are becoming scarce, but the other stocks are in fair working order. We repeat our list as follows:

Peaches, 2 lb	$3.00@2.25
Peaches, 3 lb	2.25@3.50
Pears, 2 lb	1.25@2.50
Plums, damson, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Plums, green gages, 2 lb	2.25@3.50
Quince, 2 lb	2.75@3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@2.75
Raspberries	2.50@2.75
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.00@2.25
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@2.50
Cherries, 2 lb	2.25@2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.00@2.70
Corn, Elgin	2.80@3.00
Corn, Benton Harbor	2.50@2.80
Corn, Yarmouth	2.90@3.00
Peas, 2 lb, pod	2.25@3.50
Peas, 2 lb, soaked	1.75@2.00
Lima Beans, 2 lb	2.00@2.70
Succ

BY TELEGRAPH.

Markets.

...1 a. m.—Flour, 30s. Wheat—...ring, 11s 6d@12s 4d; white, 12s ...3d@13s 6d. Corn, 26s 9d. ...5d.

...3 p. m.—Breadstuffs firm and ...Rest unchanged.

...e rate for money at the Stock ...ent securities is ¼ per cent ...England rate.

...American securities quiet ..., 92¼; do of '67, 92¼; 10-40s, ...¼.

...rs—5-20s of 1862, 90¾.

...Cotton firmer; middling up...10¾@1; sales, 14,000 bales; ...2,000 bales.

...and firm. Red winter wheat, ...corn, 28s 9d.

...; Cumberland middles, 26s ;

...ry Goods Market.

...There was an improved order ...to-day. Some buyers from ...in the market making early ...t for cotton goods is steady but ...d a little more animation in ...eights, but the distributions to ...re small in amount. Foreign ...importers are and importing job...sayles of worsted dress goods, ...y to be worn. The importa...under one and a half millions.

...ovision Board.

...AND WABASH AVE., Jan. 4—...ork, seller January, at $11.50; ...arch, at $11.85.

...duce Markets.

...SW-YORK.

...COTTON—Moderate demand; ...

...r fairly active and higher; re...fine Western and State, $5.35@...d extra, $7.00@7.50; good to ...white wheat extra, $7.65@9.50; ...50; St. Louis, $7.50@13.00. ...eal unchanged. Wheat in fair ...,000 bu; fair No. 2 Milwaukee, ...afloat, $1.59@1.60; No. 2 and 3 ...nferior spring, $1.42@1.50; red ... amber, $1.95@2.00. Rye un...dy; Western, 92c. Malt quiet. ..., 18,000 bu; old West'n, mixed ...@c; yellow, 67½c. Oats steady; ...ew mixed Western in store, 46@...black, 45@47½c. ...stern, 37@38½c.

...changed.

...d firm at 26@31c; Orinoco, 27 ...

...; super pulled, 63@65c.

...firm; Rio, 16@19c. Sugar quiet, ...Molasses firm; New Orleans, ...

...Crude, 10¼@11c; refined, ...

...and firm at 60¾@61c. ...firmer; ... mess, $13.50; prime ...unchanged. Middles steady. ...prime steam, 7⅞@7¾c; kettle, ...

...s—Unchanged.

...closing with 91c bid and 93c asked ...DETROIT.

...HEAT—Wheat active and higher; ...o. 1, $1.79; amber, $1.63@1.64¾; ...41c. Oats dull and unchanged. ...50@4.60.

...TOLEDO.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour steady. ...de higher; No. 3 white Wabash, ...higan, $1.59; amber Michigan, ...1.60. Corn, $1.03. Oats ...mixed, 38c cash; 44c seller May; ...ats steady; No. 2, 31½c.

...25@4.45.

...,500 bris; wheat, 11,000 bu; corn, ...bu.

...,700 bris; wheat 1,000 bu; oats, ...

...ST. LOUIS.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm, ...ve; No. 2 spring $1.25; No. 3 ...firm; No. 2 mixed 31c on East ...corn. Oats firm; No. 2, 27½ in ...o. 2 72c. Rye wanted at 75c. ...at 92c.

...quiet at $11.50, spot; $12.00 seller ...quiet; loose shoulders, 5¾c; ...½c; Bulk meats firm; Cleve...lb, 5¾@5¾c; clear, 6¾@6¾c. ...nged. Green meats higher; sales ...ar rite, $5.30@5.35. Hams un...

...ight; $3.80@4.00; most sales at ...8.842.

...AT 80c.

...NEW ORLEANS.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour only ...$7.50@8.50; family, $9.50. Corn ...; 49@50c.

...dull; choice, 45c; ...dull; mess, $13.75. Dry salt ...c, 6¼c; bacon sides scarce, 8½c, ...@9c. Lard 8¼@8½c; keg, 9½@...

...r fair demand; inferior, 6@8½c; ...; fair to fully fair, 7½@8¾c; ...in demand; centrifugal, 9@9...e; fair to choice, 8½@8¾c. Coffee ...

...eters here; Louisiana, 92c.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet; ...ly sales; extra family at good or...middlings, 19½c; middling, 20c; ...,883 bales; constwise, 2,933 bales;

...MILWAUKEE.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet ...Wheat dull and unsettled; No. 1, ...Oats firm; No. 2, 26c. Corn dull ...26c. Rye dull and lower; No. 1, ...No. 2, 72c.

...1,000 bris; wheat, 27,000 bu.

...CLEVELAND.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm, ...but irregular; No. 1 red winter, ...2 do, $1.70. Corn quiet; mixed, ...; No. 1 State, 37c.

...RUM—In good demand; steady and ...

...BUFFALO.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour steady. ...Wheat dull; No. 2 Milwaukee at $1.50; ...5,000 bu No. 2 Western, part to ar...

...BALTIMORE.

...4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm and ...quiet, firm, and unchanged. Corn ...Oats dull; Western mixed, 44...Rye firm at 90@91c.

...Mess pork, $13.50. Bulk shoul...8¼@8½c; clear rib, 6¾@6¾c. Ba...6¾c; sides, 7¼@7¾c; clear rib, ...8½c. Lard, 7½@8c.

...LOUISVILLE.

...4.—Firm and unchanged. ...ing, but not quotably higher. Mess ...shoulders, 5c; clear rib, 7½c; ...Hams, 13½c. Lard, 7¼@7¾c. ...aged.

...packers are paying $4.00. Receipts, ...

...PHILADELPHIA.

...Jan. 4.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour, tend...ime State, $4.50@5.25; extra family, ...; fancy, $5.75@6.25. Wheat, ...$1.75; Rye dull; Western, 90@92c; ...ow, 65@66c; mixed 64@65c. Oats ...

...ade, 15½c; refined, 26@27c.

...OSWEGO.

...GRAIN—Wheat firm; No. 2 Mil...ukee, 63c. Barley unchanged.

...MEMPHIS.

...4.—COTTON—Firm; good ordina...

...rior, no sales. Corn quiet, at 35c. ...1.00@30.00.

...ats and unchanged.

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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

Some Extracts from "London Society."

Victor Hugo in His Youth—The Success of His Great Works.

Milk—Startling Revelations as to its Adulteration—The Theory of a Milkman.

Sir James Simpson, the Eminent English Surgeon — His Important Discoveries.

VICTOR HUGO.

Victor Hugo's "magnificent scream" has been heard in America chiefly through the passionate cries of his novels, but he is a poet as well, politician, and philosopher, and far above mediocrity in each calling. Frothiness and splutter have, it must be admitted, been too marked in the utterances of the old man upon whose retired life recent events have been borne with the bewildering surprise of an invasion of the sea on the land; but all this should not efface the memory of the days of the old Republic of 1851, when he had the courage to denounce the coming Emperor as an immense intrigue. It was in a speech at this time that he affixed to Napoleon a title which he has never cast. "What? Because we have had Napoleon the Great, must we have Napoleon the Little?" Lemingale Cook gives some pretty pictures of Hugo's early life, in *London Society*:

> Hugo's mother died when he was 19, and at 20 he married a girl even younger than himself, Miss Adele Foucher. At this date the youth had composed one or two of the books whose names are now known to the world. One of these, "Han d'Islande," a sort of rhapsodical "Blue Beard," succeeded so well as to reach a second edition, and bring something of material comfort to the little cottage that lay so coyly hidden amongst trees, but had held previously more hope than realization, more orchestral than bank-notes. The Catholic usage is to make a special confession before marriage. Victor Hugo's youth, it is said, had been so unsullied that the only penance required of him was a chat with Lamennais confessor. These chats with Lamennais had, however, to more than a recital of boyish peccadilloes; they inaugurated a spiritual direction on the part of the Democratic priest, which soon sowed some deeper thoughts than his mother's in the midst of the young man's untested and superficial Royalism.
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> Chateaubriand followed up his first admiration of Victor Hugo by asking him to visit him, and according to a dignified and gracious patronage. It would make an entertaining picture, could we but have seen the high-minded and pompous old author send his secretary for an old manuscript of verses, and read aloud in his young admirer's ears his perception of republicanism; the young man feeling highly favored all the while, and doing his utmost to think the whole very fine, and, whenever he found a line or a passage that it could consciously admire, piling his most assiduous praises upon that.
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> An amusing story is told to illustrate his life at this time:
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> The poet, his wife, and little boys, used to take walks in the fields about their cottage. One evening they ascended a knoll, whereon was a windmill swaying its monstrous arms. Victor Hugo offered to bet that he would lay hold of one of them, and, hanging on to it, would make a revolution in the air. Madame screamed, and so her husband renounced his projected aerial voyage. But, you may be sure that the thing was possible, he threw his wife's handkerchief upon a mounting wing, and ran round to the other side of the mill to catch it coming down. All at once, in the mill itself, there appeared a light; a mocking face appeared,—it was followed by an outstretched hand; and Madame's cambric and lace, ere her husband could get round, had become the prey of the miller, who closed his window again with a chuckle of laughter. Some stout country girl that evening doubtless had a pretty present from her floury lover.

Hugo must have worked hard in those days; he produced at once lyrics, dramas, and romances:

> In 1832, Sainte-Beuve was reviewing his novels as a whole, and pronounced "Notre Dame," the last written, to be the first of a series of truly great romances which the author was destined to continue in the future. With "Notre Dame" commences, doubtless, the acquaintance of the average English reader with Victor Hugo. This work was written without interruption, the author availing himself of Balzac's plan of composing. He shut himself up from the convivial friends, and lived in his work. He locked up his dress-clothes, and, clothed in a "bear-skin" (as have been called the English novelist at work wrapped up in a huge blanket), dreamed and wrote. It is even said that he bought a bottle of ink to begin with, which was drained dry with the last chapter; and that hence arose the well-known expression, "Ce qu'il y a dans une bouteille d'encre;" which Hugo afterwards made over to one of his friends, who wished to use it as the title of a series of works. The professor de Morgan could not have a fire near him when he had any abstruse intellectual operation before him, but was wont to sit wrapped up in an overcoat. Hugo, on the contrary, likes a big fire and an open window when he works.
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> Hugo cannot complain that his work has failed to bring him friends and money:
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> With regard to the chapter in "Les Miserables," where Jean Valjean is struggling with himself respecting his duty of descending from his position as a man of wealth and respectability to his old criminal name and standing, in order to save the unfortunate widow who had been mistaken for him, one of these admirers says that the strife is more grand, terrible, and impassing than Waterloo: "In the one there are 200,000 men, in the other there is humanity."
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> Financially, too, Victor Hugo must have been well appreciated, for his great works have a prodigious circulation. "Les Miserables," it is said, appeared the same day at Paris, Brussels, Leipsic, London, Milan, Madrid, Rotterdam, Warsaw, Pesth, Rio de Janeiro. There were three editions in French, one at Paris of 15,000 copies, one at Brussels of 12,000, and a third at Leipsic of 10,500 copies. There were also nine or ten translations, viz.: into English, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Polish, Hungarian, Portuguese. In Spanish there were two versions, one of which was published in Paris with 1,650 copies, the other in Madrid with 1,000. Han d'Islande" was sold for 500 francs; 400,000, it is said, were bid for "Les Miserables."
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> Hugo is one of the few among the extreme party in politics who are broad enough to entertain, and daring enough to avow, a love for anything antique. In his leanings toward antiquarianism, he is consistent and unchangeable. M. Charles Hugo tells a story of his father, when flying after the *Coup d'Etat*. "It appears that he arrived in Brussels with but a small sum of money in his pocket, and found his attention arrested by a curiosity shop, where he saw an old dish of remarkable chased work. He inquired the price, and found it amounted to the sum in his pocket. Without thinking of what he was to make his dinner of, he bought the dish. The same faculty of taste that armed him, a new-made exile, to spend his last piece of gold upon a curious dish, doubtless impelled him to its poetic protest against the demolition of the Column last year.
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> Hugo has earned, and will keep his place as a European celebrity. This he has had time to judge by: he has lost ground with many of his admirers for his too effervescent eloquence during the war. But who would think calmly and at his best, with his country heaped in blood and disgrace, and with the boom of cannon and the horror of shells filling his beautiful city, so long worshipped as almost a goddess in the world? Victor Hugo is not quite one of the "eternal stars," but among terrestrial stars his orb shines forth large, luminous, and many-colored.

MILK.

There was, but is not, according to James Greenwood, "the Amateur Casual," such a creature as the British milkmaid, who milked the cow with the crumpled horn, and who, after that healthful and invigorating occupation, poised her snow-white pail on her head, and tripped it over the dewy grass, while the soaring lark was not yet far advanced with his morning hymn,—the British milkmaid who, by universal acclamation, was allowed to be the very image and reflection of simplicity and innocence. Hogarth so pictured her; so she appeared in almost every romance written prior to the present generation; so she was depicted on the stage, where thrilling domestic drama was enacted. Her place is taken by the modern milkman, who "knows all sorts of simple lacteal games, quite at variance with the pristine simplicity of the maiden forlorn."

Mr. Greenwood makes some startling revelations about the adulteration of milk in London,—a swindle which is not confined to that city, or that side of the water. There has not been discovered any mineral adulteration, but the extent to which the frands have been carried of putting adulterated milk for pure, and of adding water to the article, is almost incredible. For instance:

> It was proved that an association in a large way of business, holding a contract to supply genuine milk for the use of the paupers of Holborn Union, improved their position by robbing the milk of seven-tenths of its cream and adding water at the rate of nearly a pint to the gallon. But the company supplying the Shoreditch paupers cut it finer than this. An analysis of this precious mixture disclosed the fact that it was diluted to an extent that made it inferior to "half-and half." That is to say, if these robbers of a pauper child's bread-and-milk basin had been content with adding a gallon of water to a gallon of milk, the result of analysis would have shown cream 5 per cent; solids 6 per cent; whereas the figures appear, cream 4 per cent, solids 5.48 per cent. It has been ascertained that the metropolitan work-houses and unions pay annually the sum of £15,000 for milk; therefore, taking the stuff supplied to Holborn Union as a fair average sample, metropolitan rate-payers have to pay £5,000 a year for water supplied by enterprising contractors, at the rate of about three-pence a quart. It may be some satisfaction to paupers, however, to be informed that it is not only of folk of their mean estate that the milk-purveyor takes advantage. The Black List published in the *Milk Journal* contains the names of those whose "walk" is restricted to the aristocratic regions of Mayfair and Belgravia. Even Royalty itself is not exempt from the machinations of the dishonest dairyman. A purveyor to the Queen figures in the shameful list, and the result of two analyses shows that the royal milk-jug was "Simpsonized" one day to the extent of 15 per cent, and, a few days after, to the extent of 12 per cent.
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> The most mysterious part of the business is to understand what becomes of all the milk yielded by the cows of Great Britain. There was a time when a great deal of it was converted into butter; but, if we may believe all that we hear and read, modern invention has caused the use of milk to be almost entirely superseded in the production of that article of domestic consumption; the chief ingredient used in the manufacture of the composition provided for spreading on bread being imported from Canada and Australia in enormous hogsheads exactly like those one sees at the door of the tallow-chandler, with hog lard and salt and certain flavorings and colored matter of a secret nature, and doubtless very valuable to the manufacturer as are certain mysterious dyes to the makers of cotton and woollen goods. In the good old times, again, milk was not uncommonly used to make cheese; but, judging from the enormous difficulty experienced by the house-keeper in procuring a single pound of either Cheshire, Cheddar, or Gloucester, single or double, that is fit to be eaten, it would seem like a libel on cow-creation to attempt to account for the dearth of milk in this direction. Every London milk-purveyor of whom you may ask the question, is ready with his answer. It is rinderpest that causes the scarcity; it is foot and mouth disease; it is the failure of last year's root crops, and the pernicious use of oilcake as cattle food! But I think that the most ingenious theory was that propounded by our own milkman. The milk *was* "dashed" a little,—he admitted it. "But it wasn't done out of dishonesty," protested Brooks the bold; "no man as knows me can accuse me of *that*. The fact is, sir, there isn't enough milk to be had, and we are *obliged* to eke it out, and make it go as far as possible."
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> "What? Because we have had Napoleon the Great, must we have Napoleon the Little?"
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> "Well, now," returned our milkman, "that's a puzzler to a good many, but *I've* worked it out as clear as—"
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> Seeing that Brooks was at the moment at a loss for a simile, I was about to suggest, "as clear as fraud detected by a lactometer;" but, possibly suspecting my design, he hastened to complete his halting sentence "as clear as cristah'll I can make it out. Is isn't the pop-ulation growing in advance of the cows, 'cos nature' is natur', and the popeeration couldn't do it if it tried. It isn't rinderpest, and it isn't foot-and-mouth disease. Likewise it isn't shortness of green crops for food; it's the hincrease of factories."
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> And as Brooks disclosed the mysterious secret, he lowered his voice to a whisper, and, I thought, cast a defiant glance at the lactometer, as if the fate of the milk—the inexorable instrument that had dealt so hardly with him, as though to challenge it to disprove the genuineness of his opinion.
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> "The increase of factories?" I repeated, not a little amazed at his communication. "I should have supposed that an increase of factories would have ensured an augmental supply, rather than—"
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> "But you don't quite understand me, sir. I don't mean milk factories; I mean factories where weaving and spinning is going on—cotton mills, and that sort of thing. It's the feedin' bottles of Lancashire, and Manchester, and Nottingham, that's draining the country of its cows' milk," continued Brooks, evidently desiring to show himself obliging and affable, if not strictly honest. "It stands to sense, sir, if you come to think of it. I've got a friend who is a foreman of one of the largest babies'-feedin'-bottle dealers in England, and he tells me that hundreds of crates of these goods goes every year to Lancashire alone; and why is it? Because there the women work as well as the men; and, while mother's out, baby's got to have its tea; but you can't keep a baby's feedin'-bottle going from morning till night under a couple of pen'orth. That's how the milk goes, sir, and that accounts for its being so scarce. And that's what I'll be bound to say," continued Mr. Brooks, prophetically, "if we don't keep a sharp look-out. It's all very well, this agitation of women's rights, and their wanting to know why they can't follow the trades and that, as well as men; it will be a bad day for those that advocate cheap milk, if everything got their own brothers out at work, and babies at home, and feeding-bottles in every hand." And up milk will go, in proportion to the demand, until a cow that yields bountiful will be as valuable almost as a goose that lays golden eggs."

From "The Romance of Medicine," we cut out this interesting passage concerning

SIR JAMES SIMPSON,

the most eminent of living English surgeons:

> Sir James Simpson is another instance of a man who might have taken *vitor in adversum* as his motto. He was one of the poorest of poor students who flock to a Scottish university. There is a pretty little village called Inverkip on the Firth of Clyde, where Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's great place. By applying for the office of village surgeon, but, not having any local influence, the appointment was refused him. Sir James used to say that he felt a deeper amount of chagrin and disappointment from this circumstance than from any other event in his life. Going before a famous pathologist for examination, the examiner was so pleased with him that he asked him to become his assistant. When Simpson became a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery at Edinburgh, the great local interests were again enlisted against him. It was alleged that his election would be ruinous to the interests of hotel-keepers and city tradesmen, for it was not likely that many strangers would be introduced to visit Edinburgh for the purpose of getting professional advice. It was for the first time that the highest intellectual interests had been imperilled at Edinburgh by such petty considerations. As a matter of fact no physician ever attracted such a number of visitors to his invalids came in shoals. Simpson once told his pupils that many of his best papers were written by the bedsides of his patients. His great principle, when he met with any apparently hopeless case was to imitate Nature did in the rare instances in which she effected cures. Simpson's great discoveries may be here enumerated; they form the most thrilling page of modern medical history. His first great achievement was that he procured ether to be administered, and discovered the effects of the vapor. This great discovery alone would suffice to associate his name with that of Harvey. That night of the 28th of November, 1847, is much to be remembered, when the great discovery was made. He then demonstrated the possibility of banishing pain and subjecting it to human control. There are now a great many manufactories of chloroform in Edinburgh alone—one that makes several millions doses a year. His second surgical invention is acu-pressure —stopping blood from cut arteries by the use of metallic needles. His third great step was his contributions to that great work in which Dr. William Budd has pre-eminently labored. This is to endeavor to *stamp out* contagious diseases as completely as the police could exterminate the rinderpest. His last great work was in the direction of hospital reform. How was it, he asked, that, in the hospital, the mortality in cases of amputation was one in thirty, and elsewhere one in one hundred and eighty? Hospitalism has its special evils, that are fatal in these palaces of human suffering. Sir James Simpson's final suggestion goes to the root of the matter—that all staircases, etc., should be outside the building, and that no one ward should ever be over the slightest chink of communication with another.
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> This last reform of Sir James Simpson's is especially important. It is not too much to say that all the great triumphs of surgery, such as those in lithotrity and ovariotomy have been practically neutralized by foul hospital air, to which is due one-half of the deaths in our great metropolitan hospitals. In surgical wards there is a condensation of foul air, and, in addition, the specific poisonous effluvia given off by foul air.

Prompt Change of Mind of a Ticket Agent.

A few days ago a tall, rough-looking mountaineer entered the Union Railroad ticket office at Denver, and, through mistake, purchased a ticket for New York via the Kansas Pacific. He did not discover this until after the ticket had been paid for, and on asking the agent to change it the latter refused to do so.

"You won't change this ticket, then, won't you?"

"No," replied the agent; "you have your ticket, and I have the money for it, and if you want a ticket over the other route you will have to buy it."

Very quietly the stranger twisted his ticket into a small roll; very serenely he drew from under his right coat-tail a six-shooter, about the dimensions of a mountain howitzer; coolly and deliberately he stuck the twisted ticket into the muzzle of that six-shooter, and sticking the ugly-looking thing through the little square window of the ticket office, and almost in the agent's face, and speaking in the tone that left no doubt of his determination, said:

"Stranger, thar's that ticket; take it yourself and change it, or by G—d I'll blow it clean through you."

The ticket was changed immediately, and without any more words from the agent, and the mountaineer walked away, saying: "I jest thought I could induce him to change his mind a leetle."

—Eight fresh lines of Chaucer have been found in the Ellesmere manuscript of the "Franklin's Tale," which are not in any other MS. yet examined. Six of these lines contain one of those pleasant asides with which Chaucer so often breaks the run of his stories. They will appear in the next part of the Chaucer Society's "Six-Text."

—A Georgia man stationed his son, armed with a shot-gun, to watch a favorite corn-patch. Stealing around a short time after to see if the lad was at his post he chanced to make a little rustling in the leaves; there was a flash and a report, and that perforated parent is now fully convinced of his son's reliability.

NEW YORK.

Variations of Winter—Saturnalia of Snow.

New Year's Calls—Their Abuse and Insipidity.

The Tribune's Existing Condition —Horace Greeley's Estate.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5, 1873.

Yesterday was, in a meteorologic sense, a typical New Year's,—charming overhead and disgusting underfoot. Looking from an upper-story window, you might have imagined we were in the midst of spring. Glancing at the earth, you would know we were enduring the peculiarities of our uncertain and nondescript winter.

THE AMERICAN CLIMATE

is, unquestionably, the worst on the globe. There is no depending upon it, especially at this season, when we have Iceland one day and Sicily the next. Our lungs must be made of iron; otherwise, we should all die of pulmonary diseases. Instead of wondering that we have a good deal of consumption, it is surprising that there is room left for any other ailment. Last Monday, the mercury stood at 16 degrees below zero, and today it is 45 degrees above. A variation of 50 or 60 degrees in twenty-four hours is not uncommon; and it seems to me that the weather grows more changeable every year. What possible precaution can any one take against such thermometrical fluctuations, unless he leaves home every morning with such an outfit as he would start to the North Pole with?

Just now we have more

SNOW AND SLEIGHING

than they have in St. Petersburg, and the rain and melting of the past two or three days have improved the streets and the out-of-town roads for runners. If we do not have a general thaw, the sleighing will be excellent for several weeks, and the livery-stables will largely increase their revenues thereby. Every sort of conveyance on runners is in active request at extravagant rates, and I have heard it estimated that as high as $100,000 a day has been paid for the pleasure of freezing one's nose to the noise of jingling bells. New Yorkers regard sleighing as an exalted, because an expensive, recreation. They seem to believe that every liberal fall of snow will be the last they shall ever see, and they feel moved, therefore, to enjoy it to the utmost. They think nothing of disbursing $50 or $100 for an afternoon's or an evening's ride, and they fancy that their money is very well invested. The price for an ordinary sleigh-hire is about $5 an hour, and for a large four-horse sleigh, that will hold a party, $100 for an evening is considered a reasonable figure. This kind of pleasure hangs largely by the imagination. Almost any one will admit that there would be nothing in it, were it not for the bells; so that sitting in a snow-bank, wrapped in a buffalo-robe, with a continued jingle in one's ears, would serve the purpose, and be much more economical.

IMAGINARY SLEIGHING.

A trick, illustrating this, was played last evening, upon a well-known politician, who, after repeated calls and copious imbibings, had made up his mind to go sleighing. Some of his companions told him he was too tipsy to enjoy it; but he, which he grew indignant and insisted upon carrying out his intention. Out of joke, two of his friends, leaving him on a corner, told him they would go and hire a cutter. They came back in a few minutes with a buffalo robe and a string of bells, and helping him into a dry-goods box, put her very gently in a state of jingling, pretended to start off at full speed. While one shouted at the imaginary horses, the other rattled the bells, keeping this up for half an hour, when they assumed to stop to get a drink. They assured their semi-intoxicated companion that they had been out two hours, and had in that time driven sixteen miles. He went with them to a saloon near by, and declared he had never had such a glorious ride; that sleighing was the best fun in the world; and that anybody who didn't like it was incapable of appreciating pleasure. When told subsequently how he had been duped, he refused to believe their story, and he still insists that he remembers distinctly going through Fifty-ninth Lane over High Bridge, though the dry-goods box stood little more than a block from the Fifth Avenue Hotel. So much for imagination assisted by liberal potions.

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

An alarming decline in New Year's calls was observed yesterday; persons in the habit of receiving from four to five hundred visits having had only two-thirds of that number. The custom is assuredly falling into disuse. It has been so overdone here that opportunities have been given to, and embraced by, very undesirable persons to pretend to a close acquaintance with families who did not know, and did not wish to know, them. In numerous instances, yesterday, well-dressed men went out of their way in impudence to pay their respects to ladies who had never met, or even heard of them before. It is very difficult, on such occasions, to avoid this species of imposition; for it is quite possible that Mrs. Velvetcheek or Miss Chignon may have met Mr. Brassy or Colonel Fiskins without remembering him, or the circumstances of their meeting. The fellows who play such audacious parts naturally have a certain acquaintance with the antecedents and connections of the ladies they presume to visit, and can easily mention the time or place where they claim to have been introduced.

Owing to these brazen adventurers, a great many families, it is said, will make it a rule hereafter to inclose invitations to their New Year's receptions, just as they would to formal parties, and have these invitations delivered to the servant at the door. This will have the effect to shut out intruders, unless they go so far as to counterfeit the invitations, and smuggle themselves into the drawing-room.

A GREAT DRAWBACK

to these annual callings is, that they are, as a rule, the emptiest of forms. They have no motive, no foundation, no result. They are undertaken without reason, and completed without satisfaction; they start from vanity, and become plish vapidity; they are a waste of time and trouble, to no purpose whatever. Usually, they are so brief that only the shortest commonplaces can be mentioned, and these, repeated again and again, make up the round of social martyrdom.

The conversation is likely to be of this fashion:

"Ah! Miss Smith, I am really very happy to meet you."

"Thank you, sir. Boosy. I wish you a Happy New Year."

"A great many calls to-day, I suppose, Miss Snooks? Your friends could hardly stay away when they all have an opportunity to enjoy your delightful society."

"You really flatter me, Mr. Boosy; but I must say we have had an unusual number of visitors, —more than I had expected, indeed."

"New Year's Day, Miss Snooks, is one of the most delightful days in the year."

"Ah, yes! very delightful, Mr. Boosy."

"Yes, very, Miss Snooks."

"And quite beneficial to society, Mr. Boosy."

"Ah, yes! quite."

"Quite."

"Yes, indeed."

"Yes, yes."

"Will you have some refreshment, Mr. Boosy?"

"Ah, thank you, thank you. Many returns of the happy day, Miss Snooks."

"Thank you, Mr. Boosy."

"I must really go, Miss Snooks; I've a great many calls to make yet. I'm really very hard to go; for I've had a very delightful visit, I assure you: very delightful; very delightful; very delightful indeed."

"Ah! thank you, Mr. Boosy; you're very kind, very kind. We shall be happy to see you again, Mr. Boosy, very happy."

"Good bye, Miss Snooks; good bye, really, very sorry, very sorry to go."

"Well, then, Mr. Boosy, I will not say adieu."

"Ah, no, Miss Snooks; but *au revoir*."

"*Au revoir*, Mr. Boosy; *au revoir*."

Absolute drivel as this is, it is not an exaggeration of at least half of the visiting dialogue of the 1st of January.

THE TRIBUNE'S STATUS.

Since I last wrote, Samuel Sinclair, the publisher of the *Tribune*, has resigned, and the vacancy has not as yet been supplied. Whitelaw Reid is, just now, the general superintendent and director of the journal, and its affairs are entirely in his hands. The reports printed in the *Times* in regard to the great decline of the *Tribune's* circulation, are flatly denied in the latter office, whose condition does not seem to trouble anybody but its neighbor over the way. The stockholders expect considerable falling off in the weekly, and a diminished revenue for the present year; but they feel confident they will make at least 10 per cent upon their capital during 1873, and have no financial fears of the future. The stock still rules at $10,000 (it has not been sold any higher), and the Association has a surplus of about $250,000, which includes $130,000 of insurance upon Mr. Greeley's life. Those persons who are so industrious in predicting the ruin of the *Tribune* are needlessly afflicted. The paper to-day, at a valuation of $1,000,000, is one of the cheapest pieces of newspaper property in the country, and the members of the Association confidently expect that, within five years, it will be worth at least half as much again.

SALMAGUNDY.

Some one speaking to John Brougham, the other day, concerning the failure of the "Lily of France," asked him why he did not burn Jeanne Darc at the stake, declaring that such a scene would have a fine "dramatic effect." "By Jove!" replied Brougham, "if I had known what a miserable actress Jeanne Darc (Helen Tapple) was, I'd have burned her at the wings before she had had a chance to appear upon the stage."

James W. Wallack, who has been playing at Booth's Theatre, is in quite feeble health, and his friends fear that he may not recover. He is not fit to act, really; and yet, to see him on the boards, one would not suppose him suffering in the least from ill-health.

Horace Greeley's estate, it is now thought, will prove to be worth about $75,000, and there is very little doubt but his last will will be held valid.

The numerous fires which have recently taken place here are generally believed to owe their origin to an organized gang of incendiaries, and active measures are being taken to ferret them out.

The new illustrated five-cent daily, which I have before mentioned, is to be called the *Graphic*. The first number will be issued next month.

Edwin Booth's brief engagement at his own theatre is a tremendous success. He had not expected to play more than one night; but the compulsory withdrawal of the "Lily of France" left a vacancy which he felt obliged to fill.

A private letter from London says Moncure D. Conway thinks of coming over here to lecture, and that Robert Browning talks seriously of making a tour of the United States.

Our Milesian fellow-citizens are felicitating themselves with the idea that they have been the means of driving Froude prematurely back to England.

The *Tribune* yesterday announced, in its necrology of the past year, among the deaths of *men* prominent in business circles or private life, that of the Viscountess Beaconsfield!

COLSTOUN.

SARDOU'S "UNCLE SAM."

A French Picture of American Manners.

Paris, (Dec. 13,) Correspondence of the New York World.

"Uncle Sam," by M. Victorien Sardou, has been read to the actors of the Vaudeville, and the papers give this analysis of M. Sardou's faithful, accurate, vivid picture of American life: The orchestra plays "Yankee Doddle," and then the curtain rises on the saloon, which is called in America "parlour," of one of those admirable steamboats which run daily between New York and—don't crack a smile!—"Chicago." Samuel Tapplebot (Uncle Sam) and his niece Sarah are passengers on this steamboat. Sam sold matches when he was 12 years old, and ornaments now that he is 20. He first began really to make money when he took to sugar, lost it all by speculations in cocoa, got rich again by cotton, richer by petroleum, and richer still by guano. Sam and Sarah are accompanied by Marquis Robert de Rochemaure, a French tourist, who carries to America the prejudices, manners, customs, habits of France, "that head and heart of Europe." The same steamboat has, among other passengers, Mme. Bellamy, an elderly French woman, who has gone to America to look after an inheritance; Mr. Elliott, a New York interviewer, and a puffist of the heaviest calibre; Mr. Brick, a young Arkansas violinist (he has "betrayed to this people the ardise of dollars;" Gip, an electioneering agent, and other minor personages. These characters are all introduced on board the New York and Chicago steamboat, and a hint of the plot is given. Robert is shown to be in love with Sarah. Grace Tapplebot (another daughter of Sam) introduces Mr. Elliott and Mr. Finsbury in this thoroughly American fashion: "Mr. Finsbury let me introduce you to Mr. Elliott, my first husband—Mr. Elliott, Nathaniel Finsbury, my present husband." Sight of Elliott revives Grace's old love for him. The second act shows Uncle Sam's mansion in Fifth avenue, New York, where there is general flirtation. Robert flirts amusingly with Robert, and at last succeeds in making him write in her memorandum-book a promise of marriage. Briot flirts with Miss Betsey (another Tapplebot). Robert tells, "in words that breathe and thoughts that burn," his love to Sarah, who interrupts him at its height to ask, in an icy tone: "What sale you worth?" "What? Eh? Eh? How's deal?" "I asked, are you rich?" "Ah! Yes, very rich; I have $16,000 a year." "How is the capital invested?" "In Government securities, real estate, vineyards." "Bordeaux vineyards?" "Yes, but dearest Sarah—" "Is it one of the famous vineyards? Does your vintage sell for much?" The Paris newspaper adds: "In France the first question a woman asks of the man she would marry is, What's your name? In Italy, Is your health good? In England, Who is your banker? At New York, How often have you failed?" Sarah, seduced by Robert's elegance and $16,000 a year, runs away with him, and goes to carry on their flirtation "to Newark, the most fashionable sea-bathing place in the United States;" but once there, seeing Robert has no intention of marrying her, and afraid she may listen to his unmastered importunities with too credent ears, she returns to New York. Robert pursues her, is told he can possess her only with the plain gold ring. He refuses marriage. His promise to marry is laid before him, and suit is menaced. He replies: "I don't know what Miss Sarah's honor is worth, but make out the bill, I'll pay it." Fairfax, a lover of Sarah, picks a quarrel with Robert, and warns him "in the American fashion" that the instant he leaves the drawing-room he, Fairfax, shall shoot him down like a dog, and Fairfax "cocks his revolver" (!) in the drawing-room. Robert is about to be shot down by Fairfax when Mme. Bellamy intervenes, keeps Robert in the drawing-room, and sends off Fairfax. The latter, however, hides under the staircase, and fires on Robert the instant he appears. Robert retreats to the drawing-room pursued by Fairfax, but Sarah rushes between them, and shows Sarah's fervent love for Robert by asks and obtains her hand. The curtain falls on Robert's remark: "By Jove, 'tis well to travel abroad; it teaches one to love France."

ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.

The Year's Business.

From the St. Louis Globe.

The struggle for supremacy among the cities of the West now lies between this city and Chicago. Every facility for commerce, every opening for manufacturers, every new business connection, every advantage that locality, enterprise, capital, intelligence can seize, must be made the most of if we do not wish to see our natural pride leveled by being distanced by Chicago in the race in which every nerve is strained to the utmost; and it is not enough that we should maintain our supremacy; it is absolutely necessary that all the world should be accustomed to acknowledge it, and that no partial comparison should incline to our disfavor. The returns of the yearly business which are published with each new year are the greatest advertisement, the most convincing argument that can be given to the outside world, and in these, as they have heretofore been published, St. Louis is at a disadvantage. The three great staples of grain, lumber, and live stock are the leading features of these returns, those on which information is fullest, and by which the readiest judgment is formed, and in these three staples Chicago maintains the easy lead of past years.

But if we turn to the respective amounts of the manufacturing business of the two cities the tables would literally and figuratively be turned. In the manufacture of tobacco, in the milling business, and, above all, in the varied industries connected with iron, St. Louis is so far ahead that it is quick to be regretted that

THE PULPIT.

Eloquent Discourses by Eminent Clergymen.

The Temperance Question Discussed by Dr. Fowler.

Dr. Goodwin's Five Years' Experience in Chicago.

"Our Plans"---Sermon by Rev. Jesse B. Thomas.

Inaugural Services in the Lecture Room of the Second Presbyterian Church.

REV. C. H. FOWLER.

The Rev. Chas. H. Fowler preached, yesterday evening, at the Centenary Church, his text being the eighth verse of the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew—"For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath Day." His remarks were substantially as follows: It was an old hulk, built of well-worn timbers at best. There were better in the shipyard. Why did they work at it so hard? It was an old hulk, battle-seamed and time-worn and it had seen many voyages. But that was not all. It was a ship freighted with human life. The opening the enemy's shot had made must be stopped, and hence they worked with such speed. It was only an ordinance, a ceremony. Why so much anxiety about it? It was more than that; it was the craft that carried the Lamb's Bride. The rent must be stopped, for on that craft the Church rode to the eternal ages. The Divine Government would go on, and the gates of hell could not prevail, even if incarnated in the Common Council; but, in the meantime, some woman's son might be killed next Sunday, some boy made an orphan the week after. That was history. So he touched the question with trembling hands. The one safe thing to do was, in God's faith, to adhere to the facts as he should present them. The subject was one which had occupied the world at all times, from Rabbinical traditions down to the literature of to-day, and was interwoven in its indifferentism. The first question was, When was the day instituted? Was it older than Moses? If it came with him, should it go with him. If older than Judaism, it need not go out of the world with it. Broad Churchism said there was no sign of it before Moses, but the facts did not sustain it. The Lord rested on the seventh day and sanctified it. Broad Churchmen said Moses wrote it, but it was not certain,—an earlier date seemed more probable. Unless the whole Word was rejected, there was an indication of a Sabbath before Moses. There were early hints of a division of time. Noah waited seven days before sending the dove. Laban spoke of the week of service. On the sixth day the Jews were to gather a double portion of manna. They were told to remember the Sabbath Day, as if it was an old command. The week was an arbitrary division not arrived at in the order of things, but by appointment. It was a division known only to the Hebrews, Hindoos, and Egyptians, the latter borrowing it from the Israelites. Greeks and Romans had other divisions. The Indians had no such division. The Israelites had received it by Divine appointment before Judaism and the moral obligation of a day of rest did not go when the law went. The Sabbath sprung from the Father's infinite love; it was a benign gift of Divine authority for rest for the toilers, and that rich men should not oppress the poor. It came like an angel with the blessings of peace on her lips. If fully understood, the honest mass of the people would rather die than lose that treasure. Let competition come for work and break down the Sabbath, and those who would not work seven days must give way for those who would. Capital went always to win, and that God kept it from crushing to the poor man. Go to the saloons, and nearly all the employes would be glad of their rest, but all must work or quit, and the wife had to be supported. So it was seven days work. Break up the Sabbath, and it would be so everywhere. The Sabbath had been sometimes misunderstood and carried to extremes, so that it seemed a fiend. The Pharisees had misunderstood it. To them it was a crime to heal a sick man. They went so far that nothing could be done innocently on Sunday. It would not do to walk on grass, since it was like threshing, or kill a flea, unless the animal was in actual hostility against its pursuer. One sect held a man must pass Sunday in the in attitude in which the Scripture found him. Modern Pharisees also had their peculiarity. To play for money on Sunday was a sin; to play without it, all right. Christ saw the day as that of the Son of Man. It was something to do man good, and not crush him, and so everywhere. He struck squarely at the old Sabbatical notion,—the Pharisaical view. He wrought, and journeyed, and healed on Sunday. He called attention, and then publicly cured the sick, and then declared that the Sabbath was made for man. The early reformers went to the other extreme. They broke out of Romanism, with its Saints' Days, and went too far. The Augsburg Confession had a protest saying that Sunday was not a special day; that they had passed out of the Sabbath Day. Calvin was also willing to change. At the time of Christ, the Church went from the Sabbath into the Lord's Day. The last Sabbath was when Christ was in the Sepulchre. The Christians were rallied on the rising of the Lord. The Christians went on the first day of the week, not a day of vigor, but of rejoicing. The Holy Ghost came on them on the first day. St. Paul preached on the first day. It was a new life and a new day—new wine in new bottles. People should not go to extremes with the Reformers, but recognize God's right to a per cent of man's time, and during that time to seek His ways and do only necessary things, but in the name and fear of God. He knew no better general law than that. It touched on local interests, the work of God and the success of His cause. The day was there in the experience of the Church and the practice of Apostles, and had all the moral force to his mind the old Sabbath had to the Jews. It was woven in the constitution of things. Man needed that amount of rest. Physicians had declared, many of them skeptics, one-seventh of the time should be given to rest. The French revolutionary week was of ten days, but they had to change it. Stock needed one-seventh of their time for rest. The question after all was whether the Church was good or not, if it were good to cultivate the virtues and stop murder, if there was any force in right. If, so, there must be time to mature character just as to mature intellect. If religion was worth anything a certain time should be specially given to it, or the whole system would go by default. Open the church on week days and only a few went. The questions of bread and raiment controlled men. Strike out Sunday and the cause of religion was rooted. Break down Sunday and there would be a community without religion. To mature and develop spiritual life, time must be given it, and that was at the very foundation of the Church. Make it legal to do business Sunday, and men would do it. They were forced into a day of rest. If all the saloons were shut up Sunday, the spirituality of the community would be lifted 100 per cent in three months. Men were not infidels; they were preoccupied. They delayed salvation. This was a Republic, and men questioned the right of the Government to interfere with their business. It was a free country because it was God-fearing. It was cradled in puritanism, and but for it there would be no Republic. Where was there better character than where the Sunday was kept? Let them compare the Scots with the Germans. He had rather have the stern puritanical Sunday than the Continental one. The reaction of the old reformers had given Europe a weaker religion than Romanism. The people who held to the Sabbath Day, even if her went too far, had a posterity in righteousness. Spain, France and Germany could stand no comparison with New England. All interests forced people to keep the Sabbath, and it was better to be puritans than liberals. Those men who, bathed of their right, had fled here for liberty, and now sought to break down that which promised liberty. The law of State life was that the majority of the people was absolute. Supreme Courts had decided it over and over again. To overthrow the institutions of the country, the Republic had a right to drown or hang every foreigner. To subvert the majority of the latter were with the Americans, kept a few "professional foreigners," blatant politicians, were talking and trying to make capital out of this. Back of it all was the liquor interest that filled the jails with criminals. Recently these dead-falls had been shut up and Sunday murders had ceased. Unless the Sabbath law was enforced, they had better keep all men at work and get no rest. If they must go to the dead-fall, they had better stick to work. Women had prayed that their husbands could be kept busy Sunday, since then he spent all his money. What could be said of the men who dared to plunge them in the old ways? He arraigned those Aldermen as the murderers of all the boys shot and stabbed after the law was repealed; and his prayer was that, if murder must begin, it should begin within their homes. ["Amen"—Applause.]

Having the enemy by the neck, if he was let out, they must take the chances. The Aldermen had this possible power, and the law and order men asked that the law be maintained. If the world knew Chicago was to have no Sabbath, and that liquor was to be at a premium, it would add 2 per cent to the risk of money. Where there was no law, as at the border, interest was high. If half the people were drunk here, one-seventh of the time, insurance would rise. It affected men's interests and their safety. No man knew what his neighbor would do on Sunday. The chances of being shot were reduced seventy-five per cent by closing the saloons Sunday. But these men would not succeed, for the Mayor had a good hold on the man. If they did, no good citizen would have any use for them for a long time to come. If any one of his hearers saw these Aldermen, he must tell them that popular sentiment was against liquor, and most of them, he knew, wanted to be with the majority. Much of the trouble was due to the inactivity of temperance people. The Aldermen had been surrounded only by bad influences. The liquor people had got about them and persuaded them that that side was the strongest, and induced them to believe that everybody wanted to get drunk. It was the duty of temperance people to show them the other side, and persuade them of the contrary. But all the time they must stand by the cause of God for the sake of their everlasting future and for the sake of their obligations as Christians.

REV. E. P. GOODWIN.

"Five years in Chicago" was the subject of a discourse by Rev. E. P. Goodwin, last evening, at the First Congregational Church. The attendance was large, and the exercises were of an interesting character. After the performance of "There is a Happy Land," with variations, by the organist, the choir sang a New Year voluntary, after which the usual devotional order was proceeded with. The text chosen was from Philippians iii: 13: "Forgetting the things that are past," etc. The pastor referred to the many comforts and joys of the past five years, and said that they should look forward to the future. He should touch upon a few of the more significant events which had occurred during that time.

In January, 1868, the Church membership numbered 542. Since that time there has been a net gain of 304, with a present total of 846. In 1868, there were 646 scholars enrolled in the Sabbath school; now there are 950, a gain of 400. The First Church had graduated Tabernacle Mission with its present membership of 500, and a Sabbath school of 1,000 scholars; besides establishing Bethany Mission, corner of Paulina and Second street, with a membership of 60, and a Sunday school of 400; also the Brightside Mission, on Milwaukee avenue, with a membership of 250. A portion of the First Church membership had been dismissed in order to organize the Leavitt Street Church, with 170 members and 320 Sunday school scholars; and they had also assisted in the establishment of the Clinton Street Mission, with fifty members, and a Sunday School of 500. The speaker referred to the First Church edifice, and of the unfavorable comments which the plan occasioned when first adopted. It was predicted that the church would be the laughing-stock of West Washington street, from the tunnel to Union Park. He had no need to state that the result had failed to realize the prophecy, but, on the contrary, the church was accepted by the Society, and the people in general, as an admirable place for massing together worshippers. Six new Congregational Churches had been established in Chicago during the past five years, and seven new pastors had been installed, one having died. The First Church had given $90,000 for benevolent purposes during five years, an average of $18,000 per year. This was exclusive of stock subscribed to the *Advance* newspaper, of which a large amount had been contributed by this Society; nor did it include stock held in old Farwell Hall. For preaching the Church had paid $65,000; for the Church debt and expenses there had been paid and pledged $100,000—making a total of $285,000 paid and pledged by the members of the First Church during the past five years. This was a large sum, it was true, but he was sure that nobody felt any poorer for it now.

The speaker gave a hasty sketch of the many and marvellous changes which had taken place in Chicago during the past five years, touching upon the wonderful growth of the city up to the time of the great fire, and the unparalleled rate at which the work of rebuilding had been prosecuted. Returning to the Church, he said the most important problem was, how should the Church most successfully perform its functions; not how to keep up its forms and ceremonies and theological tenets; but how to reach the people round about, how to come in contact with them, and how to make them feel that this is the People's Church! "We don't want," said he, "too many theologies. The heavens are full of them. We want to make the Church so that men can't keep away from it—can't keep away from Christ!" For the year to come, he wanted them not to peddle tracts, but to find out people and bring them to the church. The spirit, and the genius, and the destiny of the city required that Christianity should be made more positive and aggressive. It was no bombast to point to the great future of Chicago as a distributing mart and a railroad centre. The best brain of the continent was here. While men in other cities were dreaming of schemes, men in Chicago were organizing and accomplishing them. He had no doubt that those were present to-night who would see this a city of a million, and yet have years to spare. Now, a man should plan as broadly and invest as grandly for the Lord as for himself,—should do business in the Church as systematically and effectively as he does for himself. Let business men make their Christian principles known and felt among their clerks and employes. The speaker was asked, a few days ago, by a young man whether it was right for a wholesale merchant, who professed to be a Christian, to set apart a certain sum of money to buy liquors for customers and to take them to the theatre. Our Christianity needs pith and grit, in order that the next five years may be more fruitful than the past.

REV. JESSE B. THOMAS.

The Rev. Jesse B. Thomas, of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, preached, yesterday morning, on "Our Plans." His text was from Ephesians, fifth chapter and fifteenth verse, which reads, "See, then, that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise men." The following is an abstract of the sermon: This epistle is devoted especially to the contrast between the character of a sinner and that of a Christian, and considers more especially the moulding or building phases of Christianity. The Apostle goes on to liken the growth of the Christian's character to that of the rearing of a beautiful temple, and, deeply in love with his subject, links thought to thought, and word to word, and builds until the pinnacle is reached, and the whole house made perfect. In this sublime meditation he teaches us how the influences of Christianity refine and bleach, as it were, the tendrils of affections, and weaves them into a web which is golden and sifted, and beautiful to look upon. The contrast created in the text is, that the fool walks at random, trusting himself to every wave, believing that somehow he will ride it, or that no waves will meet him. He is like a sail without a course, which trusts to the winds to take it to a desired haven, unguided and undirected by the North Star or, the needle which forever points there. So he tells them to walk circumspectly, as the wise man, meaning that they must be guarded in action, having a course marked out, and some plans formed, and instruments provided, which will keep them in it. It is evident that the world is generally walking as the fool, without plans or watchful forecast. The majority of people take their bearings from the waves which are about them, and look not to other waves which play beyond. They are not bees, which suck honey until their thighs are full, and then fly to some place of deposit, but they are butterflies, swayed by every sephy of the morning, and alighting in the evening wheresoever they happen to fall, merely resting upon the lap of Nature. Most people are indeed like little children, moved from every settled course by the companion nearest them. Against this the Apostle bids the real Christian's character, which he speaks of as the wise man, one not barely possessing wisdom, but whose character, firm and settled, has been formed under its influences. A character which is not soft like wax, easily moulded to the form of any hard substance with which it may come in contact, but hard, and rather capable of making an impression than of receiving it. To the end that his followers might possess such a character, the Apostle labored, and he was ever admonishing them to be firm, to be steadfast. To form such a character there must be intelligence to select a reasonable ideal, hearts to mellow that with love and goodness, and will to bring about the desired end. No real character will come, if these three elements are allowed to play and have a part in a man's life. No such a thing as a wasted life would be known if every man's life was formed and guarded over by these three elements. Why are there so many wasted lives about us, why do we see the bones of defeated projects so plentiful? Is it so, that it is sometimes impossible for a human life to be successful? No, not so; God never allowed an ambition or good desire to grow up in a man's heart to be defeated. There was fault somewhere, if ever such a life was lived. The man set out on life's voyage without thought of a harbor to be reached, or if he thought of a harbor, the course was not marked out over which he would travel to reach it, and so he was caught in some dangerous place, and hurled upon a rock, and tossed upon the beach mangled and disfigured. How long shall men continue thus to live without a purpose? The Apostle, he ought to say, "The time passed has sufficed us; henceforward we will live no more after the flesh but after the spirit." And now, brethren, when we are confronting another year, and have, as it were, entered a house the chambers of which are all empty, waiting to be filled and furnished by us, what plans shall we make, and how make them? With all the experience of the past, to be ripened into works, what character shall we give to them? Let us set ourselves about to consider the possibilities before us, remembering that anything is possible which is good and holy. We all know how many hours this new year will contain, and we are also aware that they must be used, and hence the necessity for plans. An hour unused is an hour ill used. Nothing seems so pure and colorless of evil as the hours, and yet let them alone and they will also result in evil. Everything has to be redeemed, and we must lay plans to do the work. The garden of the soul is weedy unless it have care and attention. Even the knowledge we possess and acquire comes to us in blocks and must be carved and cut out before it can be used in the temples of our lives. Hence we must plan. The days will not care for themselves. The tendencies of everything are evil, and yet we may direct them so that they lead us to the perfection of a Christian manhood. Hence we must plan all the days of a man's life are like wild horses which career over the prairie, and must be caught and taught to labor. And now what have we to consider in our plans? Time, money, the powers we possess, and the objects to which they shall be devoted. Men who succeed consider all these things, and set about at once to execute the conclusions they arrive at. Consider how much time you will devote to your business, how much to home, how much to friends, how much to the poor, how much to your church, how much to God. Let this latter object claim much, for God has not put your plans there, indeed, they are good for nothing, and will serve you little good. Think what you are going to be, what character you seek most to possess, and set about apportioning your time and money so that they will aid you to acquire it. Don't try to be a *nominal* Christian. Some are not by nature. The can not be Christian, no matter what their plans. That is not so. God never asked for an impossibility. The real difficulty is that persons set about simply to be *nominal* Christians, and hence get no higher than their aim. Did you ever hear of a successful shoemaker or merchant who was a nominal shoemaker or merchant? No; they who are successful in life are never nominal in their occupation; they are alive and earnest. Then plan before you start on this year; put your eyes upon every chamber to be filled; make an object and a course to reach it; and, if your plans are well formed, true-hearted, unselfish, you will carry many sheaves from the harvest field. You are now entering. Make your plans certain, use as you go along all the good auxiliaries of your life. Many fail to catch sight of these. Very often your elbow is against the elbow of a friend, who would help you very much, if only you would take him into your heart. Cast aside all things that do not promise to aid you in reaching your aim, and, if you trust in God, ever looking toward his face, you will not fail. Fix your aim, seek for the means, and God will give the victory for Christ's sake. Amen.

DR. R. W. PATTERSON.

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church worshipped for the first time in the lecture room of their new edifice, corner of Michigan avenue and Twentieth street, yesterday morning. Nearly every seat was occupied, the inclemency of the weather deterring very few of the congregation from being present at the opening services. The lecture room is sixty feet long and forty feet wide, handsomely fitted up, and will accommodate about 200 people. The walls have not yet been calcimined. The church proper will not be ready for occupancy for two or three months. The choir of this church is considered by some to be the best in the city. It is composed of Mrs. Farwell, soprano; Miss Holden, contralto; Mr. Hubbard, basso; and Mr. Howard, tenor. The organist, D. N. Hood, was not present yesterday, his place being taken by Mr. Farwell. The quartette rendered the selected pieces superbly, and fully sustained their excellent reputation. After the customary religious exercises, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Patterson, preached an interesting sermon, taking as his text the third to seventh verses of the eighty-seventh Psalm. He said the Church was known in all ages, and her glory and joy were the same now, in essential respects, as when the words of the text were first written. The glorious things that were then spoken of Zion were true to-day. He then alluded to the stability which God had guaranteed to His Spiritual Zion, of which the outward church and its branches were representatives. It was a favorite idea with many people of to-day that the religion of the Scriptures was essentially like the religions of the East,—Buddhism, Brahmanism, and of the old Persians. The origin of all other religions was, however, dim and shadowy. They carried with them no specific information as to their origin. They came, no matter in what circumstances they were communicated. In this respect the religion of the Church challenged comparison with all others They were distinctly told that God was its author. Time, place, and occasions were stated to give definiteness to our knowledge of the Divine hand engaged in laying its foundations. The ancient Scriptures of the living ancient nations contained but few and indistinct intimations of their Divine inspiration, save the record of the Jews, to be found in the Old Testament. The nations which followed Buddha depended upon floating traditions for their knowledge of God. God had established His church by revelation, and done everything to confirm the truth of His teachings. The elements of the Church were clearly taught. There was some diversity, but the great body of those who accepted the Scriptures, which the Church held to be of Divine authority were substantially agreed as to the leading truths they set forth. There were denominations who discarded the doctrine of the Trinity, the atonement, justification by faith, the judgment of God, the punishment of the wicked, yet all held fast to the Bible and its authority as an infallible standard of faith and practice. The Church he had a history which would stand unshaken; she still lived, notwithstanding the efforts to overthrow her were stronger to-day than ever before. The scene of the conflict was ever shifting, and the shout of victory had been raised by its enemies. Yet, when the smoke of the engagement cleared away, the Church was found to be mightier than before. In spite of the assertions of learned men who confidently claim to have upheaved the foundation of the Christian belief, there were thousands who were not ashamed to acknowledge that their faith had suffered no change. The Church would ultimately embrace all the nations of the world. The power of the adversary must be crushed, and this could only be done by the overthrow of his dominions. In America, at the beginning of the present century, not more than one person in fifteen was recognized as personally pious; now, one in six, and this in spite of the vast influx of an infidel and unevangelical population from abroad. This fact illustrated the general character of the spiritual advancement that may be looked for until the knowledge of the Lord should fill the earth. Christianity was gradually gaining a wider and deeper hold upon communities and families, and every new effort to regenerate the world were making with increased momentum. The partial revival of unbelief in some countries would be but temporary, indicating, as it did, the last throes of rebellion against God, and that Divine truth was being pressed upon all hearts with unusual energy. The spiritual Church would continue to maintain her ground and receive accessions. More missionaries were going abroad this year than ever before, and more laborers would enter the home fields to work for the Lord. The appliances of the Church for Christian evangelization were being multiplied and made more effective. The destiny of the Church will not long be delayed. His hearers should ask themselves what they were doing to hasten the day? The Church was established to give spiritual refreshment, and not to chastise men. It was her province, through the Divine aid, to assuage troubles that sadden the hearts of the people and turn their mourning into songs of deliverance. God was in the midst of His people, and they that forsook him would find no joy. The simple impulses of the heart were better than all the showy forms of worship prescribed by Pope, Bishop, or General Assembly. Humble and unaffected piety in daily life would scatter the seed, and work for the glory of Zion. In conclusion, the reverend speaker exhorted his hearers to consecrate themselves anew to the Kingdom of God. Every one should find something to do, and be henceforth at the post of active duty. Especially should they lay aside worldly engagements and enlist heartily in the services appointed for the coming week of prayer, and remember that it was now as true as ever, that they who waited on the Lord would renew their strength.

INSTALLATION OF REV. J. E. FORRESTER.

The installation of Rev. J. E. Forrester, the new pastor of the Church of the Redeemer (Universalist), on the corner of Washington and Sangamon streets, occurred last evening, and were participated in by a very large congregation.

There were upon the platform, the Rev. R. Laird Collier, Rev. Dr. Ryder, the Rev. J. E. Forrester, and Rev. Mr. Dennis. The exercises opened with the singing of a voluntary by the choir, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. R. Laird Collier, who afterwards read an appropriate passage from the Gospel of St. Luke, followed by a hymn, also sung by the choir.

The Rev. Dr. Ryder then, taking his text from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, chap. 2, verse 19, "Hath committed to us the word of reconciliation," spoke substantially as follows: He alluded to the fallibility of man, and the discouragement incident to the fall into iniquity of the pillars of the Church. It was almost enough to make us give up in despair, and think that by doing his best to lead a religious life, a man was merely putting up pins for the purpose of seeing them bowled down by the adversary, and that all he had to do was to put on an air of respectability, and drag on slowly and unastisfactorily. This was one side of the picture. The other was the man of religous character doing his best under all circumstances, and so acting, that when his time came to leave the world, he could say he had left no man worse by his course, and things, and a set about at once to execute the conclusions they arrive at. Consider how much time you will devote to your business, how much to home, how much to friends, how much to the poor, how much to your church, how much to God. Let this latter object claim much, for God has not